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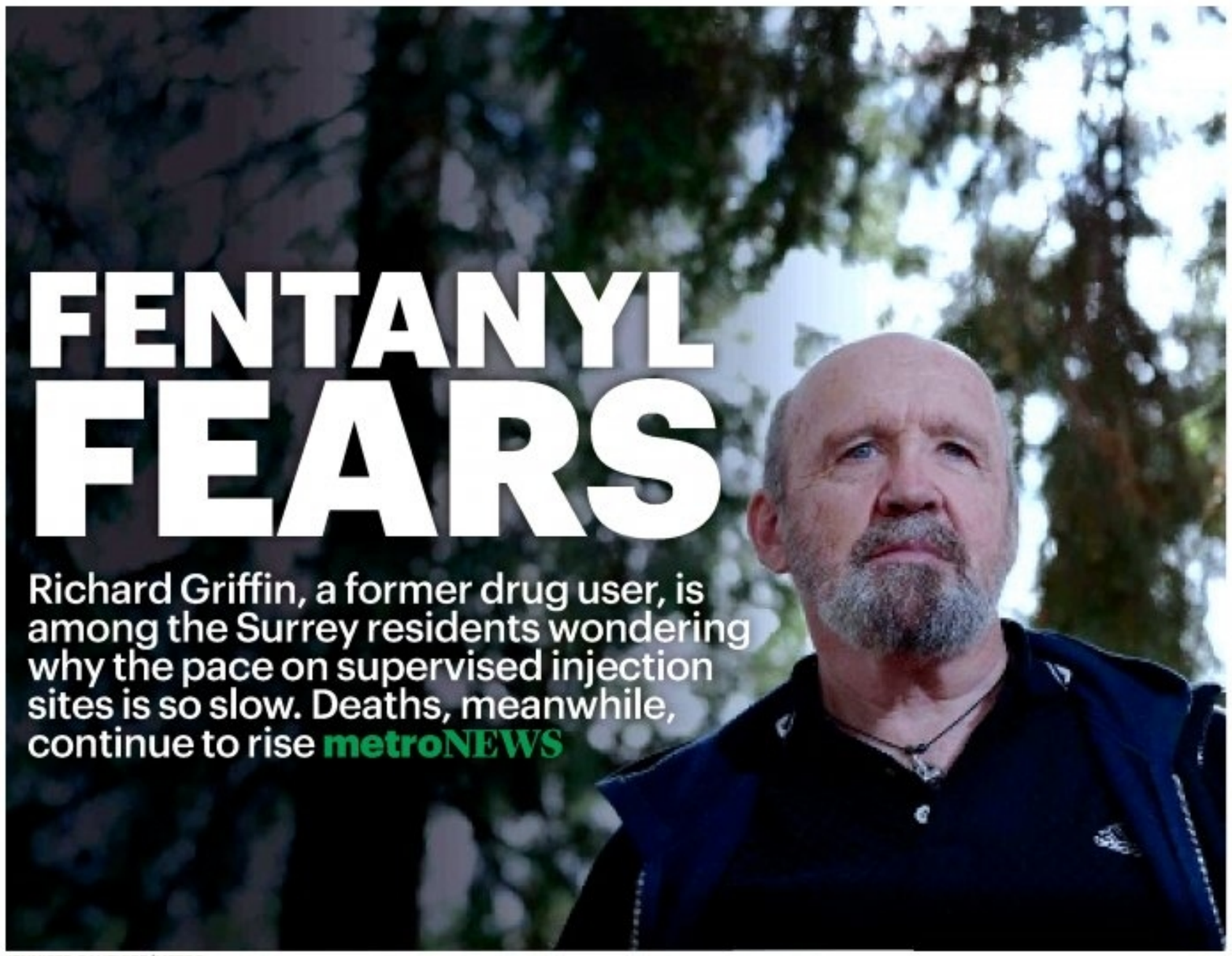

FENTANYL FEARS

Richard Griffin, a former drug user, is among the Surrey residents wondering why the pace on supervised injection sites is so slow. Deaths, meanwhile, continue to rise metroNEWS

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Mind the pay gap

Cities can't wait for the feds to make the problem go away — women can't either

Vicky Mochama
Metro | Toronto

At 2:38 p.m. on Monday, the women of Iceland left work.

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Iceland has been called the most feminist country in the world, but the women there typically earn at least 14 per cent less than men. The protest organizers thought it only fair, therefore, that women should work 14 per cent fewer hours. Even if only for a day.

I couldn't have made the point better myself. I'd love to see the protest replicated here.

The problem is, in an economy as regionally diverse as Canada's, Iceland-style walkouts would vary from city to city. In Winnipeg, women who arrived at work at 9 a.m. would be on the street at 3 p.m. (if they skipped lunch); in Edmonton the 9-to-5 men would be on their own as of 2:12.

Where a woman lives can determine how much the pay gap affects her quality of life. Cities can't wait for federal or provincial governments to make the problem go away. Women can't wait either. Cities need to take responsibility now.

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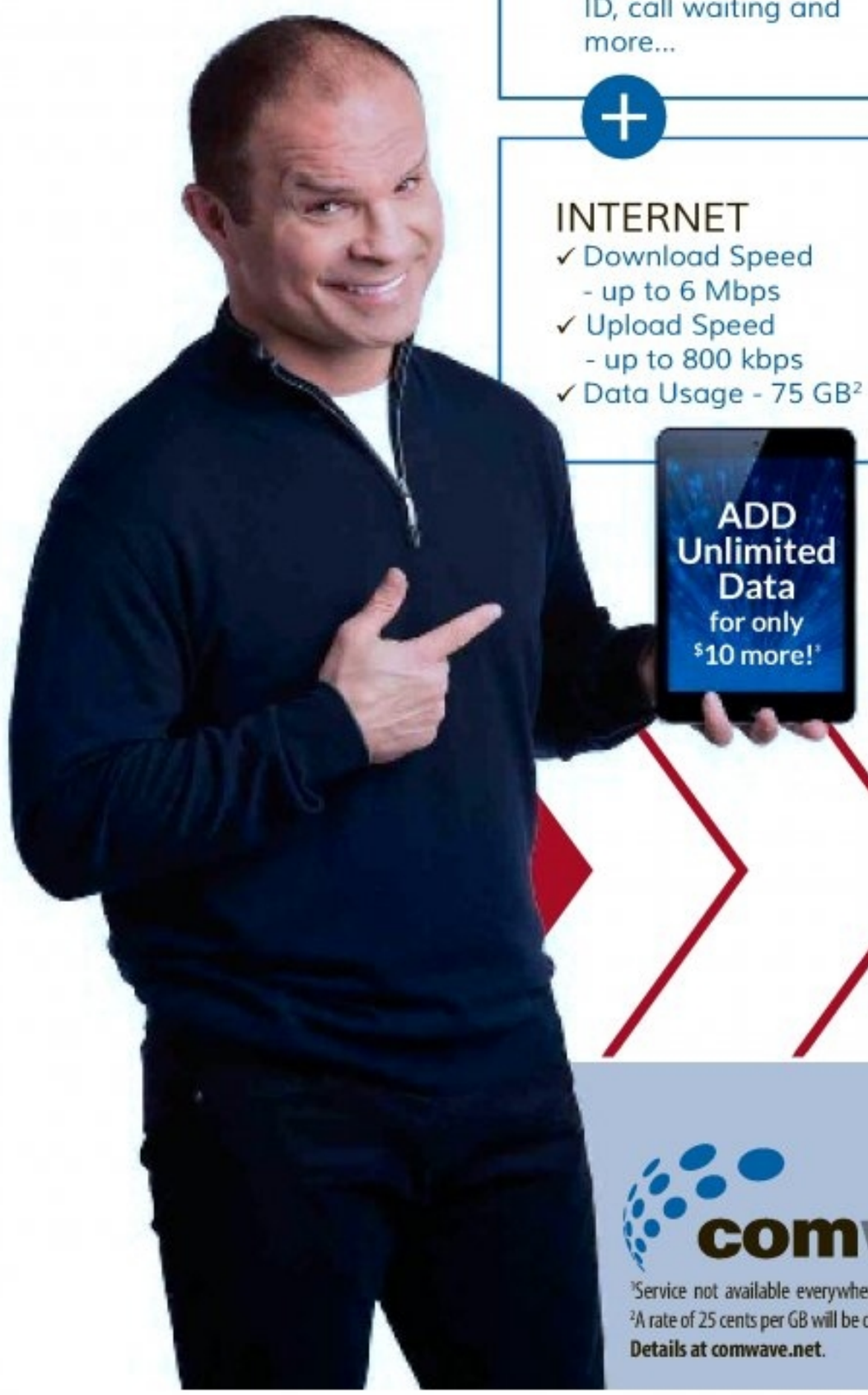

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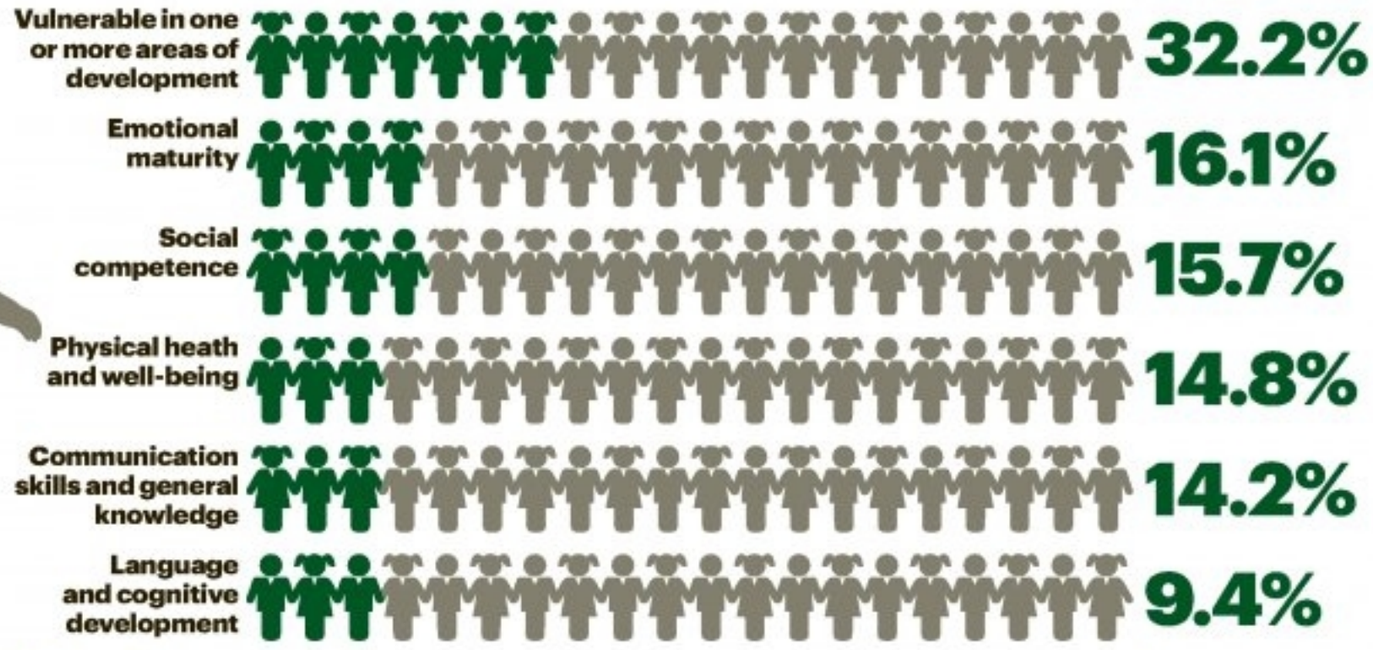

Children's well-being worsening

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Kids starting school more vulnerable than in recent years

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

As child poverty in British Columbia climbs, kids are reaching school age more vulnerable than anytime in the past 15 years, says a new University of B.C. report.

One in every three B.C. children now enters kindergarten under-performing on a childhood well-being index developed by the university's Human Early Learning Partnership, the Early Development Instrument (EDI).

"We've tried to understand how children are doing," explained UBC school of population and public health researcher Martin Guhn in a phone interview, "and what the context factors are related to their health, well-being, and vulnerability.

"Historically, people looked at IQ or language development. But with the EDI, we tried to be more broad and holistic."

To achieve that, HELP relied on questionnaires kindergarten teachers across the province fill out for each student every February. The teachers are asked to rate each child based on their physical health, social skills, emotional maturity, language development and communication abilities.

The results of this year's report: roughly 14,000 British Columbia kids — 32.2 per cent of children — are deemed vulnerable in at least one of EDI's well-being measurements when they reach elementary school. A decade ago, it stood at less than 30 per cent, he said.

"It has slowly crept up," Guhn warned. But he added that not all the indicators were negative; B.C. kids' literacy and numeracy have improved. Instead, teachers are reporting worsening aggressive and hyperactive behaviours among six-year-olds.

He said that there's no single cause, but researchers believe it may be linked to everything from sugary and fatty diets to plastics and lead in the environment, and a lack of physical activity and outdoor playtime.

> **We have a chronic issue here around child vulnerability.**
> Jeff Calbrick

"None by themselves can explain the shift we've been seeing," he cautioned.

The findings don't surprise one B.C. organization that's followed the EDI closely recently.

"Children seem to be having an increase in challenges around social and emotional development and their ability to self-regulate," said Joanne Schroeder, executive director of the Comox Valley Child Development Association, noting an observable rise in childhood anxiety. "Generally as a population, we're more stressed and anxious, and our kids are certainly reflecting that."

She attributed the problem to several factors, including parents overprotecting kids — "bubble-wrapped children," she quipped, "protected from confusion, disappointment and mud puddles" — but also said high levels of child poverty in B.C. are a major factor in children's well-being.

"The stress of living in poverty is not good for kids' development," she said. "Many families with young children are working long hours to balance child care and shift work.

"We definitely need increased public investment in early childhood development, and in child care in particular, and also early childhood services which are a bit fragmented."

Quinlan Floyd, 4 (right) looks inside Vancouver's L'Ecole Bilingue Elementary School beside his older brother, Aidan.
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Surrey's pace on injection site slow

SAFETY

Fraser Health has highest number of drug overdose deaths

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Richard Griffin, a Surrey resident, worries about the safety of drug users and would like to see a safe consumption site open in Surrey. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Richard Griffin was taking a shortcut to go to the store in the Walley neighbourhood of Surrey when he came across a young woman who was disoriented and confused.

"It was terrible to see," he said.

"She had a syringe package in her pocket and I said, 'It's not this crap that's going around is it, this fentanyl?' Because I always carry a Narcan kit in my pocket."

Griffin called the police and stayed with the woman until they arrived. The experience made the 64-year-old Surrey resident think of his own experiences as a former drug user — he's been clean for 11 years now — and his oldest daughter and 18-year-old granddaughter, who, he said, are still using drugs.

"My own personal experience is that people hide in the bushes (to use drugs)," he said. "Out in Surrey particularly, there's lots of wooded areas."

In the first nine months of this year, 195 people have died of drug overdoses in the Fraser Health region, which includes Surrey — the highest number of drug overdose deaths in B.C. While fentanyl has contributed to an increase in overdoses across the province, Fraser Health has had the highest number of drug overdose deaths every year since 2010.

Griffin would like to see a supervised drug consumption site in Surrey. But Vancouver continues to be the only municipality in B.C. to have such a facility, where people can use drugs inside and in the presence of trained medical staff who can intervene quickly if an overdose happens.

Linda Hepner, the mayor of Surrey, said the city is working closely with Fraser Health to open such a facility, but she is adamant that a safe consumption site must be located within a clinic and must be part of a "continuum of care" that will connect people with treatment and recovery services. A standalone site is not an option for Surrey, she said.

"We have not landed on a particular site and I have to tell you that council is relatively split on whether or not that is something that the city of Surrey wants to endorse."

What Hepner has heard from the wider community in Surrey mirrors that split, she said, with some people afraid that a safe consumption site would be a magnet for more "social disorder" while others urge the city to do all it can to help addicted people.

Fraser Health hopes to have a supervised consumption site open in under a year, said Shovita Pardhi, medical health officer for Surrey. But there are many hurdles to overcome: getting an exemption to operate from Health Canada, consulting extensively with community stakeholders as required under federal legislation, working with the City of Surrey and consulting with drug users. The health authority is also still determining where to locate the facility.

A safe consumption site "will definitely save lives," said Pardhi. "I think it will definitely engage people in the health system and move them along the continuum towards recovery — but it's not going to be a magic bullet."

Pardhi said the health authority is working "flat out" on the issue. But to Griffin, the pace is agonizingly slow.

"How do you put a price on human life?" he asked.

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Democracy Watch challenges rulings

Two rulings clearing British Columbia Premier Christy Clark of conflict of interest allegations are now being challenged in B.C. Supreme Court by a citizen advocacy group. Ottawa-based Democracy Watch has petitioned the court to set aside rulings last May and August by provincial conflict of interest commissioner Paul Fraser.

They cleared Clark of conflict allegations connected to her attendance at high-priced, exclusive B.C. Liberal party fundraising events.

The petition filed Tuesday in Vancouver also asked the court to find Fraser should not have ruled on the complaints because his son works as a deputy minister for the provincial government.

It said John Fraser "has personal ties to the premier. It is reasonable to suggest that the close family connection to senior members of the B.C. Liberal party, including Premier Clark, is a factor indicating a reasonable apprehension of bias."

The petition also said the conflict commissioner recused himself in 2012 from a separate conflict complaint against Clark by a former Liberal member of the legislature on grounds his son's senior government role could be viewed as creating a perception of conflict.

Fraser, citing unique family connections in 2012, said in a letter he was asking the conflict commissioner for the Northwest Territories to complete the review.

The petition filed Tuesday seeks an order to quash and set aside Fraser's May 4 and Aug. 9 rulings on conflict allegations about Clark's fundraising appearances.

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A flu vaccine is administered in Vancouver in 2014.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Flu season to pack a punch

HEALTH

Health officials are urging the public to get the vaccine

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

With early indications that a particularly nasty strain of the flu is present in the Lower Mainland, health officials are urging residents to get vaccinated.

"With this particular illness … people are very, very sick, so almost everybody has been bedridden and has had fever or cough," said Meena Dawar, medical health officer for Vancouver Coastal Health. "They're experiencing more symptoms than they were last year."

Elderly people and children under five years of age are particularly vulnerable to becoming seriously ill with the flu. People with existing health conditions and pregnant woman should also make sure to be vaccinated, as well as caregivers of seniors or young children.

Vancouver Coastal Health has tracked early outbreaks at six long-term seniors' care facilities, and 80 per cent have become ill from the H3N2 strain of influenza, according to the BC Centre for Disease Control.

"H3N2 is a concern because it does cause heavy illness in seniors and those with underlying health conditions," Dewar said.

Early indications don't necessarily predict whether the rest of the fall and winter flu season will be more serious than normal, she added.

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Preparing for rising sea levels

CLIMATE CHANGE

City seeks ways to be proactive about future flooding

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

The City of Vancouver is exploring ways to protect the area from flooding because local sea levels are projected to rise by as much as one metre in the next 100 years.

City staff will present its flood assessment report to council next Wednesday. It explores several options to protect the city from flood including barriers like dykes and sea gates, adaptive measures like changing building codes, and even retreating from low-laying areas altogether.

But asking people to leave their homes is a less likely scenario, said Tamsin Mills, senior sustainability specialist at the City of Vancouver.

"There is a preference for options that are adaptable over time given the uncertainty at the rate of sea level rise."

For instance, installing a sea gate doesn't allow for much adaptability, she said.

"We have information from others internationally that have built gates and those are less flexible."

A best-case scenario would involve gradually raising infrastructure like seawalls over time in order to both improve public space and accommodate rising sea levels, she said.

City staff plan to conduct public consultation on the different available options starting next year.

The city is not in immediate danger from floods but annual king tides, which happen every winter, are good reminders of the kind of damage flooding can create, said Mills.

"During king tides ... that's an indication of where everyday water levels can be in the future."

Rising sea levels and flooding could create damages worth anywhere from $19 to $32 billion if governments do not take proactive measures, according to the Fraser Basin Council.

"The massive costs and damages to Vancouver resulting from climate change and sea level rise can't be ignored," said Vancouver mayor Gregor Robertson in a written release.

"Sitting on the sidelines is not an option while climate change threatens our future. By taking action today to protect our land, environment, people's homes, and our iconic landmarks from climate change impacts, we're making our city more resilient and saving billions of dollars in the long run."

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Vancouver's False Creek neighbourhood is in danger of being flooded when sea levels rise.
JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

EDUCATION

Fired trustees demand apology

Four fired members of the Vancouver School Board are demanding a retraction and an apology from British Columbia's education minister, saying he made defamatory statements about them.

Mike Bernier dismissed all nine board members on Oct. 17 after months of allegations of bullying cited by six seniors managers who went on medical leave at the end of September.

The four trustees alleging defamation are with the reigning Vision Vancouver party, while another four are members of the Non-Partisan Association, and one is from the Green party.

The Vision trustees say in a statement that they've hired a defamation lawyer because the minister accused them of creating a toxic work environment.

Bernier was not immediately available for comment, but has said he fired the entire board because of the result of an audit that deepened his concerns over the lack of a balanced budget.

The statement says the Vision trustees are also seeking an apology from BC School Superintendents Association president Sherry Elwood, saying she was the source of the bullying and intimidation allegations.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

First Nations filing lawsuits against LNG project

First Nations and environmental groups are planning to file lawsuits Thursday against the federal government and Malaysian state-owned oil firm Petronas in an attempt to stop a liquefied natural gas project on British Columbia's northern coast.

The $36-billion Pacific NorthWest LNG project which includes a pipeline and terminal proposed for Lelu Island near Prince Rupert, received conditional approval from the federal government last month.

Gitanyow Hereditary Chiefs and the Gitwilgyoots Tribe, which are filing separate lawsuits, want the Federal Court to rule that proper consultation with First Nations did not occur and that it would reverse approval for the project.

Several elected bands in the area of the terminal have agreed to terms for the project, however chief negotiator of the Gitanyow Hereditary Chiefs Glen Williams said that isn't enough.

"We're not affiliated with bands, we're the ones that have the proper rights and title," Williams said. "There's a process in consultation where if there is going to be any impact, the government has a duty to consult and also to accommodate the aboriginal interests."

During the announcement for the project's approval last month, B.C. Premier Christy Clark said the government had consulted First Nations, but that it wasn't possible to please everyone.

"I think at some time, governments need to lead," she told reporters.

A spokesperson for Pacific NorthWest LNG declined to comment on the lawsuits Wednesday. Requests for comment made to the Federal Ministry of Environment were not immediately answered.

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A healthy sea star is seen under a magnifying glass.

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Sea star threatened

WILDLIFE

Researchers believe a wasting disease is at fault

There was once a galaxy of sunflower sea stars in the Salish Sea off the British Columbia and Washington state coasts, but a new study says their near disappearance from the ocean floor should be of special concern.

Researchers at the University of California, Davis, say a wasting disease that impacted many star fish from Alaska to Mexico was devastating for the sunflower sea star.

Joseph Gaydos, one of the report's authors and the chief scientist with the SeaDoc Society, said the sunflower that covered the ocean floor in many areas off southern Vancouver Island and Washington state has been virtually wiped out.

"We're really concerned that one could completely disappear," he said in an interview.

The West Coast is renowned for its 28 varieties of sea stars, some not found anywhere else in the world. In 2013, divers and researchers started noticing the star fish were dying from a disease that experts couldn't figure out.

Three years later, they believe a virus is at fault, but Gaydos said there may also be other factors such as water temperature that makes certain star fish more susceptible.

The study, which was released Wednesday on the online science journal PLOS ONE, says the virus is the largest such disease epidemic affecting multiple species of marine organisms in the world.

Gaydos said it's like a canine distemper virus that tears through the Serengeti region of Africa, killing everything from lions to jackals.

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IN BRIEF

Man's death in Langley, targeted: Police

Police say the death of a man found in a rural part of Langley, B.C., appears to be targeted.

Officers were called around 8 a.m. Wednesday following the discovery of human remains.

Cpl. Meghan Foster with the Integrated Homicide Investigations Team says police have not yet identified the victim. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CN crews work to remove derailed train

CN Rail says it's removed two locomotives from the site of a train derailment in the Fraser Canyon.

The locomotives and several cars of a train carrying grain went off the tracks late Tuesday morning, possibly after hitting some rocks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Raising a stink in Richmond

COMPOST

New permit terms to reduce Harvest Power's noxious fumes

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

There's barely a day that goes by when residents don't complain about Richmond's big stink.

But Mayor Malcolm Brodie hopes the funk coming from the Harvest Power composting facility — where most of the region's recycled food scraps end up — will be significantly reduced once the company makes some much-needed improvements and the Metro Vancouver regional district ramps up enforcement under the terms of the site's new permit issued Sept. 30.

"We get complaints almost every day, either phone calls or emails or letters, from residents not just in our city but elsewhere in the region," said Brodie. "It's not just the Riverport area (where Harvest Power operates) that gets it. I think it's fair to say there is nobody who lives in Richmond that has not smelled it."

Richmond city council was briefed Monday night on the new air quality permit issues to Harvest Power by Metro Vancouver.

The permit, valid until 2020, introduces a series of odour reduction targets over its lifespan and new conditions that will allow the district to take action if necessary.

> **The frequency and the degree of smell has certainly increased to now.**
> Mayor Malcolm Brodie

Ray Robb, division manager of environmental regulation and enforcement at Metro Vancouver, said the district will now be able to prevent Harvest Power from accepting any more food scraps if officers detect odours more than five kilometres from the site for more than four days over a two-week period.

The company has also committed to millions of dollars worth of improvements to its piping system to ensure sufficient oxygen flow into compost piles, which prevent anaerobic odours.

"Their experts told them if they can keep the compost much more aerobic, they should be able to deal with most of the odours," Robb said. "So we said OK, we will give you the chance to prove yourself but we're not going to put up with odours like we did the last summer and, certainly, this fall. They've come forward with their plan. We know it will improve things, no doubt about it, the question is how much? That's why we only gave them a three-and-a-half year permit ... to basically hold their feet to the fire."

The facility has been operating in Richmond for more than 20 years but odours only became a problem in recent years as the region stepped up residential food waste recycling programs.

"As the facility has gotten larger and taken on more customers and product, I think it's had gotten worse," said Brodie. "The frequency and the degree of smell has certainly increased to now when it's almost a daily event."

Robb said dealing with compost facilities has been one of the "growing pains" of moving toward zero waste communities.

Future plants, like the indoor one being built in Surrey, have additional treatment technology such as gas scrubbers and big stacks to minimize odours.

That plant will also take some of the volume away from the Harvest Power facility, which should cut down on odour on its own.

Brodie says the company has shown "intention and motivation" to address the problems but encouraged citizens to keep filing complaints to Metro Vancouver when the smells get out of hand.

An introduction of residential food scrap recycling in Metro Vancouver has contributed to a rise in odour complains around a Richmond composting facility. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Canada falls in gender parity

EQUALITY

Report still gives us full marks for education

"Because it's 2015" may have been reason enough for Canada's Prime Minister to close the gender gap in cabinet last year, but that didn't stop the country from dropping in global rankings of gender parity this year.

Canada ranked 35th on the World Economic Forum's 2016 Global Gender Gap Report, dropping five positions from last year, largely due to lower scores on economic participation and opportunities.

The annual survey of 144 countries measures such factors as salary, educational attainment and the number of women in senior workplace and political positions. Globally, the survey found the widest gap between the sexes exists in political empowerment.

Canada recorded a drop in female legislators, senior officials and managers, it said. But the forum acknowledged advances made at the Parliamentary level in Canada.

The U.S. also fell, to 45th, down from 28th in 2015, largely due to a decrease in women's economic participation and opportunity.

The Switzerland-based forum's annual report suggested it will take another 170 years to close the global wage gap between the genders if current trends continue. That was worse than estimates last year – that it would take another 118 years to close the gap entirely.

"The gaps between women and men on economic participation and political empowerment remain wide: only 59 per cent of the economic participation gap has been closed — a continued reversal on several years of progress," the forum said.

Globally, the report suggested the education gap could be fully closed within 10 years and it gave Canada full scores on educational attainment for women.

"(Canada's) gender gap in Educational Attainment has remained fully closed since 2013," it said.

Still, Canadian women hit the "glass ceiling" in earnings and workplace advancement after they graduate, reports suggest.

Canadian women are earning about $8,000 less per year than men doing an equivalent job – nearly double the global average, women's empowerment group Catalyst Canada found last year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EQUALITY

The top five countries for gender equality were: Iceland, Finland, Norway and Sweden and Rwanda, where the constitution requires women to hold at least 30 per cent of top political roles. Yemen was ranked last on the index.

WEATHER

Farmer canoes daily to stranded cattle after deliberate flooding

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

About 400 cattle are stranded and could soon be starving on a family farm in northwest Manitoba due to the forced flooding of a nearby lake.

Farmer Tim Berscheid is travelling by canoe daily to feed his cows, calves and bulls, which are stuck on what used to be a dry pasture. He said he has enough dry hay to feed them until Thursday and beyond that he's "still trying to solve that puzzle."

"I'm running out of time, I'm running out of feed and I'm still looking for options," Berscheid said by phone.

Berscheid's farm of about 35 years is located in the rural municipality of Kelsey, a community of about 2,100 people close to 620 kilometres northwest of Winnipeg. The area has seen extreme flooding due to heavy rainfall this past summer.

Next door to Berscheid's farm is Pasquia Lake, a basin that's been deliberately flooded numerous times in the last six weeks because of the excessive rainfall.

About 400 cows, bulls and calves are stranded on a northwest Manitoba farm. CONTRIBUTED

The decision to pump the lake is made by a committee with members from the Pasquia Growers Association, the RM of Kelsey and provincial government officials.

Berscheid said he has a meeting scheduled with a spokesperson from the provincial agriculture department Thursday to try to find solutions for his situation.

The deliberate lake pumping was necessary because of "unprecedented rains and flooding for this time of year," a spokesman from Manitoba Agriculture said. "As a result, pumps near this property are activated in accordance to guidelines developed in consultation with a committee."

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Poll shows Clinton on the cusp of historic win

U.S. ELECTION

Democratic nominee has significant lead

Hillary Clinton appears on the cusp of a potentially commanding victory over Donald Trump, fuelled by solid Democratic turnout in early voting, massive operational advantages and increasing enthusiasm among her supporters.

A new Associated Press-GfK poll released Wednesday finds the Democratic nominee has grabbed significant advantages over her Republican rival with just 12 days left before Election Day. Among them: consolidating the support of her party and even winning some Republicans.

"I'm going to pick Hillary at the top and pick Republican straight down the line," said poll respondent William Goldstein, a 71-year-old from Long Island, N.Y., who voted for Mitt Romney in 2012.

"I can't vote for Trump."

Overall, the poll shows Clinton leading Trump nationally by a staggering 14 percentage points among likely voters, 51-37. While that is one of her largest margins among recent national surveys, most show the former secretary of state with a substantial national lead over the billionaire businessman.

The AP-GfK poll finds that Clinton has secured the support of 90 per cent of likely Democratic voters, and also has the backing of 15 per cent of more moderate Republicans. Just 79 per cent of all Republicans surveyed say they are voting for Trump.

With voting already underway in 37 states, Trump's opportunities to overtake Clinton are quickly evaporating — and voters appear to know it. The AP-GfK poll found that 74 per cent of likely voters believe Clinton will win, up from 63 per cent in September.

Troubles with President Barack Obama's signature healthcare law have given Trump a late opening. But even Republicans question whether the rising cost of insurance is enough to overcome the damage the businessman has done to his standing with women and minorities.

"Donald Trump has spent his entire campaign running against the groups he needs to expand his coalition," said Whit Ayres, a Republican pollster who advised Florida Sen. Marco Rubio's failed presidential campaign.

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PAKISTAN FAMED 'AFGHAN GIRL' ARRESTED A Pakistani investigator says the police have arrested National Geographic's famed green-eyed "Afghan Girl" for having a fake Pakistani identity card. Officials arrested Sharbat Gulla during a raid on Wednesday at a home in Peshawar. Gulla was an Afghan refugee girl when she gained fame in 1984 after photographer Steve McCurry's photograph of her, with piercing green eyes, was published on the cover of National Geographic. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

UN chief says including women in peace negotiations pays off

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon says including women in negotiations to end conflicts pays off in longer-lasting peace deals.

The UN chief cited one finding among many: "Peace accords are 35 per cent more likely to last at least 15 years if women are at the table."

He expressed anger at the meeting on Women, Peace and Security that women continue to be excluded and ignored in many peace processes. He asked council members to look at peace negotiations on Syria or Yemen.

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CALAIS

The new jungle: Migrants gathering in unknown place

The grim camp known as "the jungle," a symbol of Europe's failure to come to grips with its crisis over asylum seekers, is no more.

French authorities declared Wednesday they had cleared out the camp after most of its thousands of residents were driven away on buses — an evacuation accelerated because some of the frustrated, departing migrants set fire to parts of the burgeoning slum.

Smoke hung in the air as dusk fell, its stench a reminder of how one of the world's wealthiest nations was unable to create order at the camp, where those fleeing war and poverty have lived in squalor for months or longer.

Migrants stand on a hill overlooking the "Jungle" migrant camp in Calais, France, on Wednesday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Most of the camp's former residents, foiled in their bid to enter Britain despite reaching the port city of Calais on the edge of the English Channel, are being relocated to communities throughout France.

"This jungle is no good. We go to new jungle," said a 20-year-old Pakistani, Muhammad Afridi.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON THE SUPREME COURT APPOINTEE

Only a few months ago, a legal creature with Malcolm Rowe's attributes was widely deemed to not exist. Trudeau was deluded, some argued, if he thought he could find a bilingual Newfoundland-and-Labrador jurist with sterling credentials

As Justice Malcolm Rowe — Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's first appointee to the Supreme Court — fielded a barrage of questions from MPs and senators on Tuesday, there was nothing to suggest that he was not a flesh-and-blood person.

And yet, only a few months ago, a legal creature with Rowe's attributes was widely deemed to not exist.

Trudeau was deluded, some argued, if he thought he could find a Newfoundland-and-Labrador jurist with sterling credentials and the ability to work in either of Canada's official languages.

To read and listen to some of the commentary, one might have thought the prime minister had sent his headhunting committee on a quest for a unicorn. It may be that John Crosbie and Brian Tobin are to blame for that impression. Despite spending decades on Parliament Hill, neither of those famous political sons of N.L. managed to become fluent in French — at a cost to their national leadership aspirations.

And yet, not only does Rowe fit the job description, but in 2016 his status as a functionally bilingual non-Quebec jurist does not necessarily make him all that exceptional.

According to former prime minister Kim Campbell, who oversaw the process that led to the short list Trudeau chose Rowe from, more than a few of the applicants her group considered would have been both valuable additions to the Supreme Court roster and satisfied the language requirement.

THE CHOSEN ONE Justice Malcolm Rowe smiles during a question-and-answer session with members of the Commons justice committee on Tuesday in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

And yes, they hailed from every region of the country.

It should not come as a surprise that there is a discrepancy between the actual language proficiency of many non-Quebec judges and lawyers and the perceptions of the politicians and pundits who argue that to appoint Supreme Court justices among the ranks of bilingual applicants is to fish in an overly shallow pool.

After almost two decades at the Toronto Star, I still do not know exactly how many of my colleagues can handle an interview in French for we tend to speak to each other in English. Back when I mostly worked for French-language media organizations, the same was true when it came to the other journalists' proficiency in English.

When it comes to requiring fluency in both official languages to sit on the Supreme Court or, for that matter, to lead a federal party, the real question is not whether otherwise qualified candidates will not be considered, but whether those who are would make the short list if French/English bilingualism was not a criterion.

In the case of Justice Rowe, the answer is yes.

Based on his answers to the NDP and the Bloc Québécois Tuesday, a French-speaking lawyer would feel confident that if he or she were to plead in French, Rowe would grasp the nuances of the arguments.

That is not a whim, for nuances and sometimes a bit more than that are often lost in simultaneous translation. Just ask the Senate's French-speaking members. Most of them stuck to English during the debate over medically assisted suicide last spring for fear of not getting their points across.

Just last week, NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair mocked the prime minister, in French, after the latter called him "le membre". In street French, the expression can refer to a male private part. That was lost on Hansard translators. They quoted Mulcair as reprimanding Trudeau for having used the word "deputy."

Rowe's appointment has put flesh on the bone of the Liberal requirement that applicants for a Supreme Court appointment should be functionally bilingual. At one point, Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould suggested it might not be necessary to speak French and English to meet the criteria.

Rowe's appointment sets the bar quite a bit higher. There are contenders currently running for Stephen Harper's succession who could not meet it.

By all indications, the bilingualism criterion for Supreme Court appointments is here to stay. Wilson-Raybould told a parliamentary committee as much this week. It will be hard for future governments to set aside the practice, or for this one to lower the fluency standard it has just set with this appointment.

The next scheduled Supreme Court vacancy is expected to be that of chief justice Beverley McLachlin, who will reach the compulsory retirement age of 75 in 2018.

Anyone interested in vying for a seat on the top court should consider that fair warning. He or she has two years to hit the books.

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VICKY MOCHAMA

Male-female pay gap is cities' problem, too

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The federal government is considering legislation that will mandate pay equity for federally regulated workers. But that legislation — if it comes to fruition at all — won't be tabled until 2018. I have "end patriarchy" scheduled for 2017 so that seems a little late. In the meantime, there's work that cities should do.

Armine Yalnizyan of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives told me that cheap and efficient social services can help close the gap between men and women. "If you have affordable childcare in your community, your boss doesn't need to pay you more."

For example, transit greatly affects women's ability to work. It also determines which neighbourhoods they can live in and whether their kids can safely get around. In this way, city governments can work to give women more options and a better quality of life without having to rely on employers to raise wages, or on higher levels of government to mandate wage increases.

If social services that help offset the pay gap aren't being prioritized in city governments, getting more women into decision-making roles could change that. Currently only five urban centres have women as mayors. None of the seven biggest cities in English Canada has anything close to an equal male-female split in city council. And in those cities' governments, women are underrepresented in non-elected senior management positions.

The representation problem is even more urgent when it comes to indigenous and racialized women, for whom the pay-equity gap is especially severe. Indigenous women underearn both indigenous and non-indigenous men. The gap actually increases for indigenous women with university degrees.

I'm sure the Prime Minister would love to click his heels and grant women the money they've been missing. But pay equity isn't just a problem for the feds. City centres need to take it seriously too.

If not, urban women from all backgrounds might just start taking longer lunches.

CITY BY CITY

Regional gaps

Women's average earnings as a percentage of men's average earnings

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2. **Toronto** — 77%
3. **Winnipeg** — 75%
4. **Vancouver** — 73%
5. **Halifax** — 71%
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7. **Edmonton** — 65%

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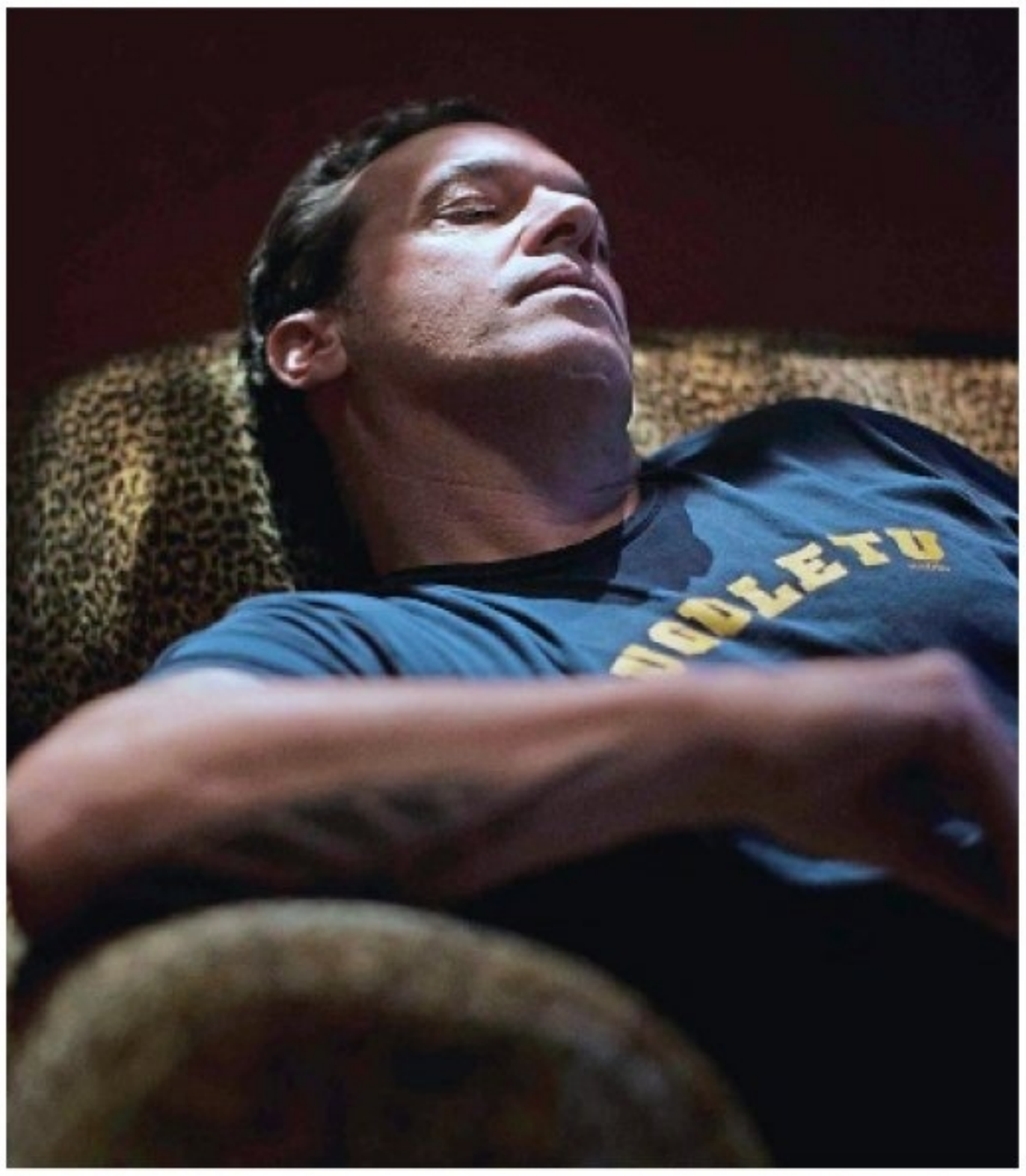


Joseph Boyden in Toronto last Thursday. Fifty years since the untimely death of Chanie Wenjack, Joseph Boyden is part of a collective of Canadian artists bringing renewed attention to the indigenous boy's tragic story. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Joseph Boyden cried while writing about Chanie Wenjack

Fifty years since the untimely death of Chanie Wenjack, Joseph Boyden is part of a collective of Canadian artists bringing renewed attention to the indigenous boy's tragic story.

The acclaimed author and his friend, Tragically Hip frontman Gord Downie, first learned of Chanie's story from Downie's brother, Mike. He directed them to a 1967 Maclean's article by Ian Adams called The Lonely Death of Chanie Wenjack. Boyden was also aware of the song Charlie Wenjack by the late aboriginal singer and activist Willie Dunn.

Chanie was forcibly removed from his family home in the northern Ontario community of Ogoki Post and sent to the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School in Kenora, some 600 kilometres away. He eventually fled but died trying to find his way home. His body was discovered along railroad tracks. Chanie was only 12.

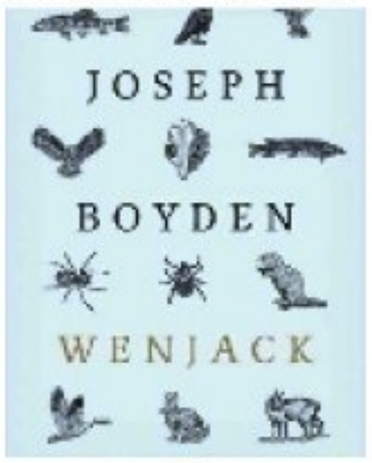
His death led to the first public inquiry into residential schools in Canada. The last of those institutions was shuttered in 1996.

"In so many ways, he's symbolic of the true tragedy of the residential school system. He puts a face to it, and we all recognize that," Boyden said in a recent interview.

Downie translated a collection of poems into music with his latest solo project, Secret Path. The 10-track album is accompanied by a graphic novel by Jeff Lemire and an animated film slated to be broadcast by CBC on Sunday.

In Wenjack, Boyden presents a fictional retelling of the young Ojibwe boy's story. Chanie is followed by Manitous, or spirits of the forest, which provide commentary as well as a form of comfort on his attempted journey home. The book features illustrations by Cree artist Kent Monkman depicting the various Manitous, which include an owl, mouse, pike and wood tick.

"The animals start showing up and telling the bigger story and Chanie's telling his story," said Boyden. "I did not plan for that book to come out that way, but I felt like I was channelling something important."



"I felt like I was channelling something important.
Joseph Boyden

Boyden said he has spoken on the phone with Pearl Achneepineskum, Chanie's sister, and wanted to ensure he had her blessing to proceed with the project. His author's note is accompanied by the only known existing photo of Chanie, sporting a shy smile.

Boyden said he was also asked by electronic music group A Tribe Called Red to contribute a few spoken word tracks on Chanie, while Métis filmmaker Terril Calder has created a stop-motion animated film.

"It was really this kind of interesting collaboration where we didn't really converse with each other. All of these different artists went to their places all with the understanding that on Oct. 18, let's release it to the world."

Clocking in just under 100 pages, the Wenjack novella is Boyden's shortest work but one that had a profound impact on the award-winning author, who said he cried while writing the end of the book.

"It was exhausting to write, but it was also kind of a joyful experience. I think there's hope in this story. Chanie gets to breathe again, but in a different way. He gets to have his story told. He doesn't want to be forgotten. He wants to be around.

"I could sense that about him, you know? Maybe this is how he gets to do it — all of these different artists breathing life into it."

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Making a doc about your heroes

INTERVIEW

The super stress Mat Whitecross faced with the brothers Oasis

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

It's a stern warning that has been repeated many times throughout history: You should never meet your heroes.

But that is exactly what documentary filmmaker Mat Whitecross did when he set out to make a movie about music superstars Oasis.

"I had the posters on the wall, I had the albums, the singles, I was reading about them every week in all the music magazines — so it was kind of nerve-wracking," recalled the director of Oasis: Supersonic ahead of the music doc's theatrical release.

"I was expecting it to be a disaster."

Whitecross had good reason for concern. Not only did Oasis rise to become Britain's biggest band in the '90s with hits like Wonderwall, but the Manchester act's two leads — Liam and Noel Gallagher — became notorious for sibling squabbles and fights, erratic behaviour and caustic outspoken statements.

These guys weren't exactly ambassadors of affability.

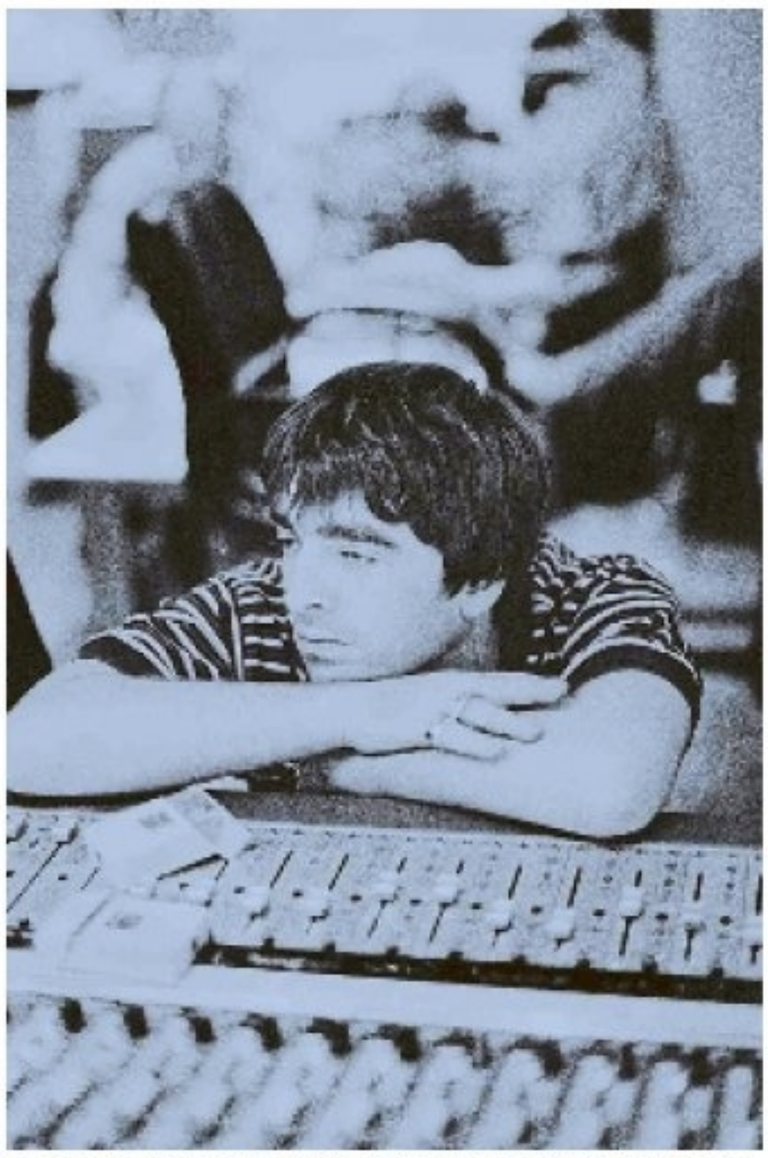
"That's part of the reason we made the film," insisted Whitecross of the impetus to profile the estranged Gallaghers.

"You've got the two brothers and that love-hate relationship; that volatile thing that played out so publicly is fascinating. Bands now don't have anywhere near the kind of danger around them."

Buoyed by archive footage and intimate tales of scandalous road stories, Oasis: Supersonic has been gaining acclaim for its inspection of both the discord and devotion between the brothers that once brazenly called themselves the next Beatles.

Yet, even seven years after their final performance, Whitecross still isn't able to get the siblings together in a room to talk about the storied career that earned them a place in the Guinness Book of Records for most consecutive Top Ten singles.

"Liam will talk very affectionately about Noel and Noel similarly about Liam.



Noel Gallagher, one half of the perpetually squabbling siblings. The documentary Oasis: Supersonic will play Thursday, Oct. 27 on 40 screens across Canada. COURTESY JILL FURMANOVKSY

> **I've worked with a lot of musicians and actors and so on in the past and I never get stage fright, I never get nervous. But the first two times I met Liam and Noel separately, I was absolutely s—ing myself**
> Mat Whitecross

WILD MOMENTS

The Whiskey a Go-Go Show
Oasis made their American debut at L.A.'s famous rock club Whiskey a Go-Go apparently after taking crystal meth. "It was a total disaster," said Whitecross.

"The set list was wrong, people were playing different songs. Then Liam threw a tambourine at Noel and Noel stormed off and quit the band."

Near-death in Detroit
Celebrating the band's success in America, Noel went on a drug binge and attempted to avoid slumber. "He didn't go to bed for like a week," said Whitecross.

"They had to take him to (a hospital) and pump him full of stuff to stop him from dying."

"Then five minutes later, they slag each other off," laughed the 39-year-old filmmaker who has directed music videos for the likes of Jay-Z and Coldplay.

"I used to joke these are like therapy sessions. For Liam, definitely — it was like the therapy he never had, but they both seemed to enjoy the process of going back in a huge amount of detail over the past."

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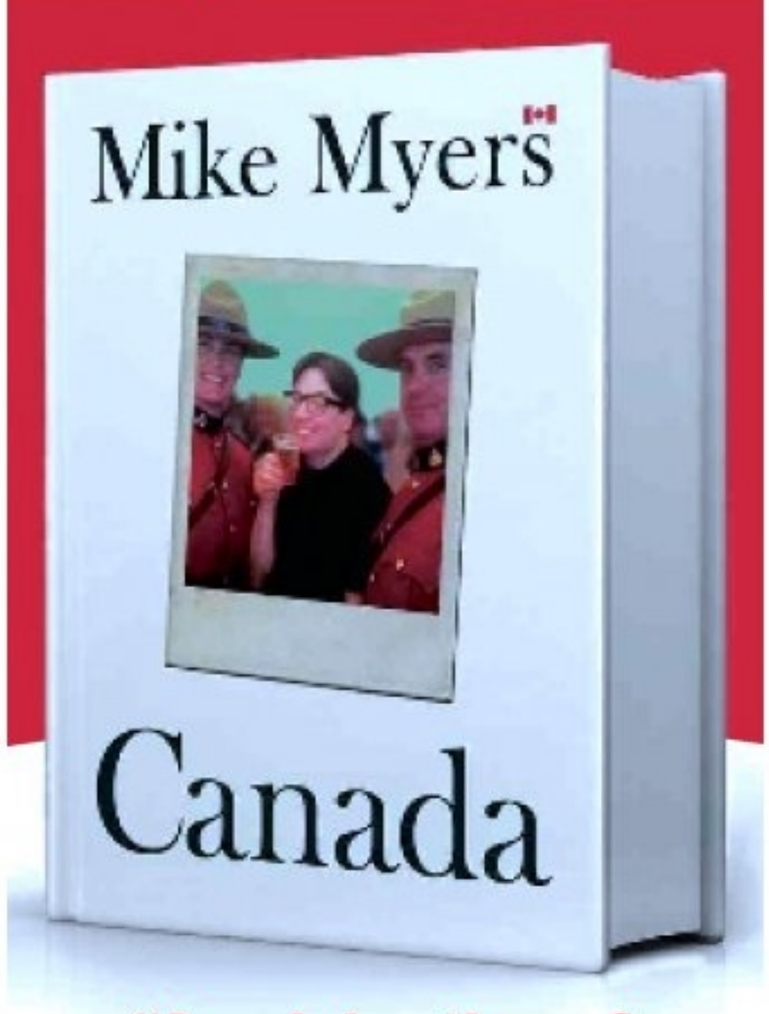

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5 READS CELEBRATING HOCKEY

Put on your skates: It's the dawn of a new NHL season, and these five new books should score with fans — both diehard and bandwagon.

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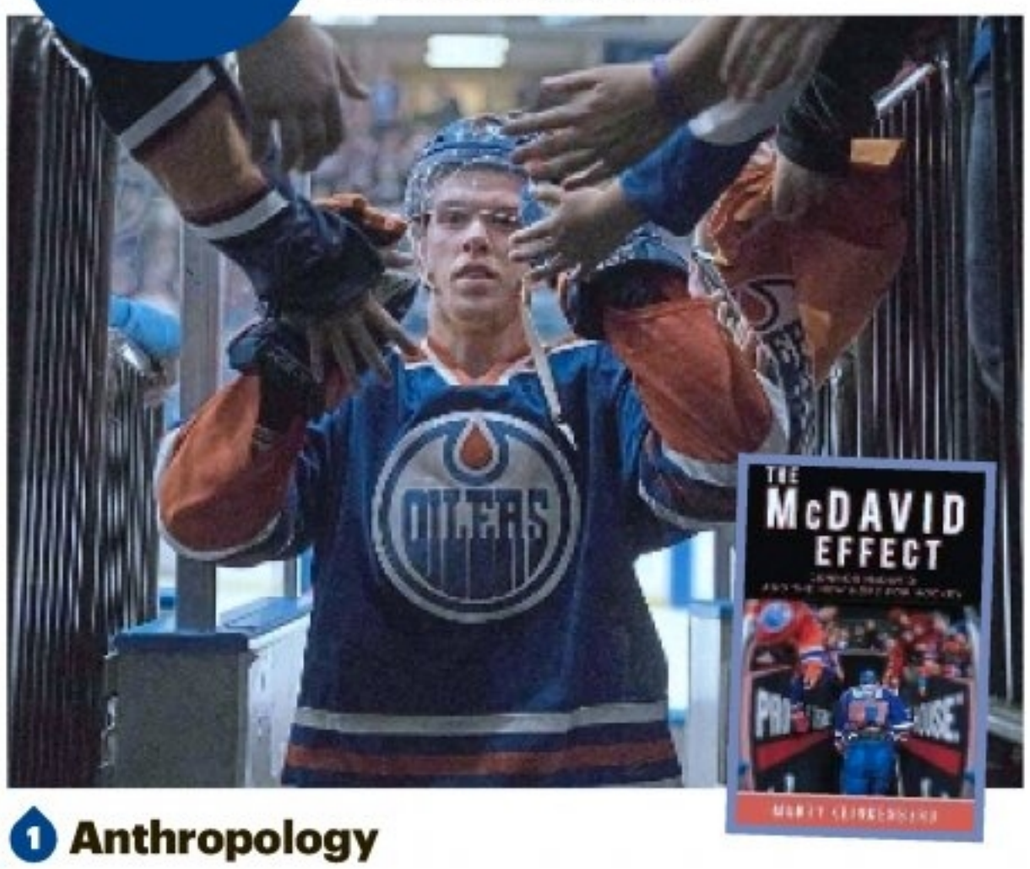
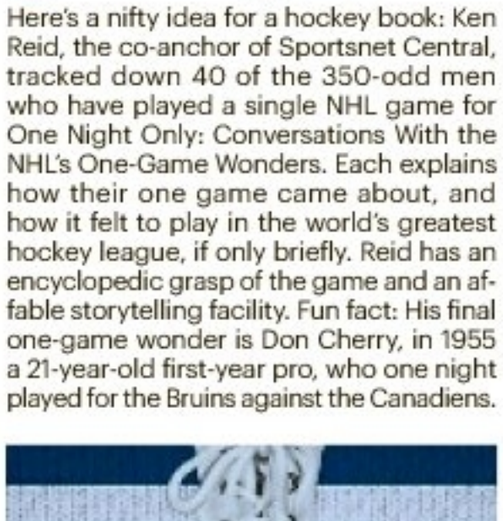


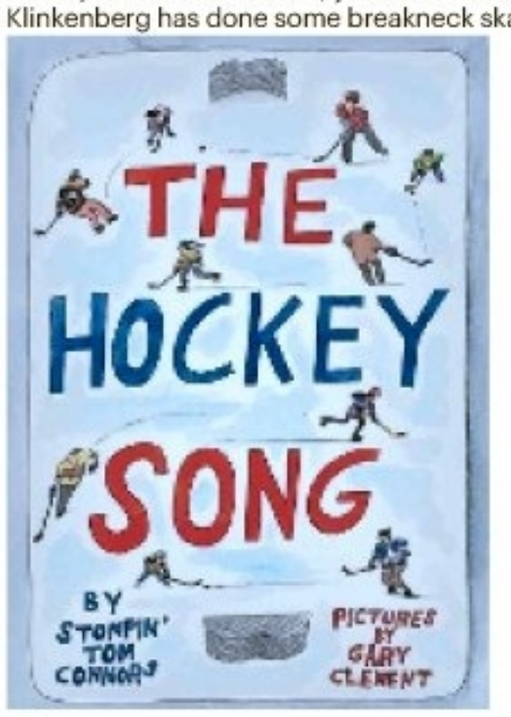
1 Anthropology

The McDavid Effect: Connor McDavid and the New Hope for Hockey by Marty Klinkenberg is about so much more than Connor McDavid, or indeed a game involving ice, rubber and sticks. It is, in effect, a work of social anthropology documenting how a 19-year-old kid born in Richmond Hill, who grew up in Newmarket, Ont., has instilled renewed pride in the Edmonton Oilers and a city sorely in need of a renewed sense of itself. McDavid, who became the youngest captain of a team in NHL history earlier this month, joined the team at the beginning of the last season, so Klinkenberg has done some breakneck skating himself, concluding his story in April.



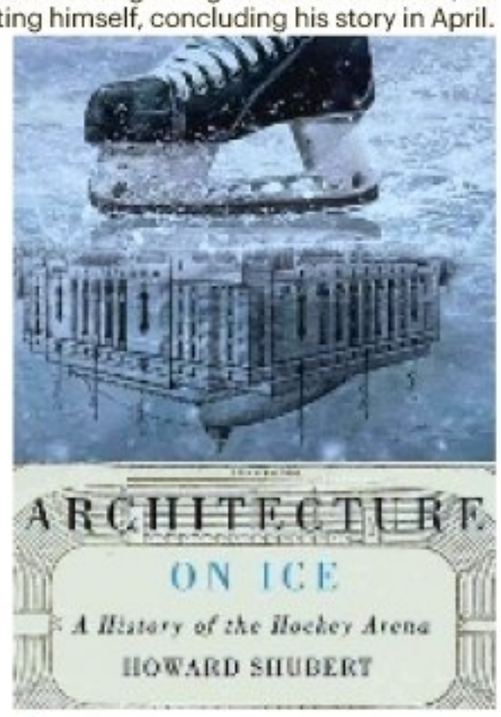
2 Anthology

Here's a nifty idea for a hockey book: Ken Reid, the co-anchor of Sportsnet Central, tracked down 40 of the 350-odd men who have played a single NHL game for One Night Only: Conversations With the NHL's One-Game Wonders. Each explains how their one game came about, and how it felt to play in the world's greatest hockey league, if only briefly. Reid has an encyclopedic grasp of the game and an affable storytelling facility. Fun fact: His final one-game wonder is Don Cherry, in 1955 a 21-year-old first-year pro, who one night played for the Bruins against the Canadiens.



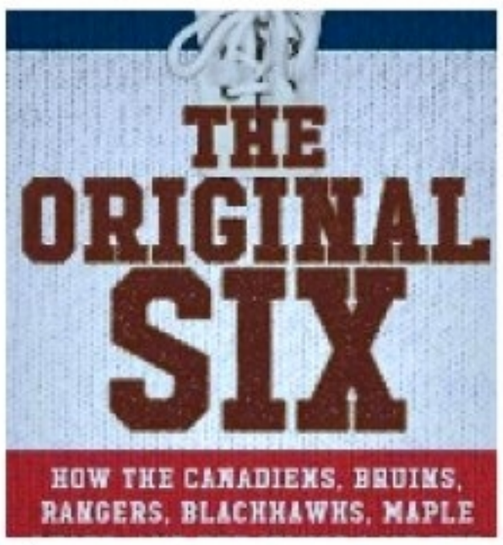
3 Music

Stompin' Tom's iconic "The Hockey Song" has been — and still is — played at games throughout North America, a rousing paean to, in his words, "the best game you can name." Now the new book The Hockey Song, Stompin' Tom Connors arrives for a new generation illustrated by the inimitable Gary Clements, who begins with a dad and his son heading out for a shinny game in an urban rink, the city lights twinkling in the distance. Everyone is included, black, brown and white, men and women, young and old, wearing every team insignia imaginable.



4 Design

In Architecture on Ice: A History of the Hockey Arena, Howard Shubert, the former curator of prints and drawings at the Canadian Centre for Architecture, presents this definitive tour of skating rinks and arenas — including 164 archival photos — from the earliest days, when community rinks were primarily venues for fun and flirtation to today's mammoth entertainment centres, where hockey is but one of the draws. Fun fact: arenamaps.com lists almost 3,000 indoor and outdoor rinks in Canada, more than 1,000 in Ontario alone.



5 History

The Original Six: How the Canadiens, Bruins, Rangers, Blackhawks, Maple Leafs, and Red Wings Laid the Groundwork for Today's NHL will prove irresistible for hockey historians and trivia buffs. Each team — from Montreal (1909, at the Jubilee Arena), Toronto (1917, at Mutual Street Arena, when the team was called the Toronto Arenas), Boston (1924, at the Boston Arena), New York Rangers (1926, at Madison Square Garden), Chicago (1926, at Chicago Coliseum) and Detroit (1926, at Border Cities Arena, in Windsor) — gets equal time.

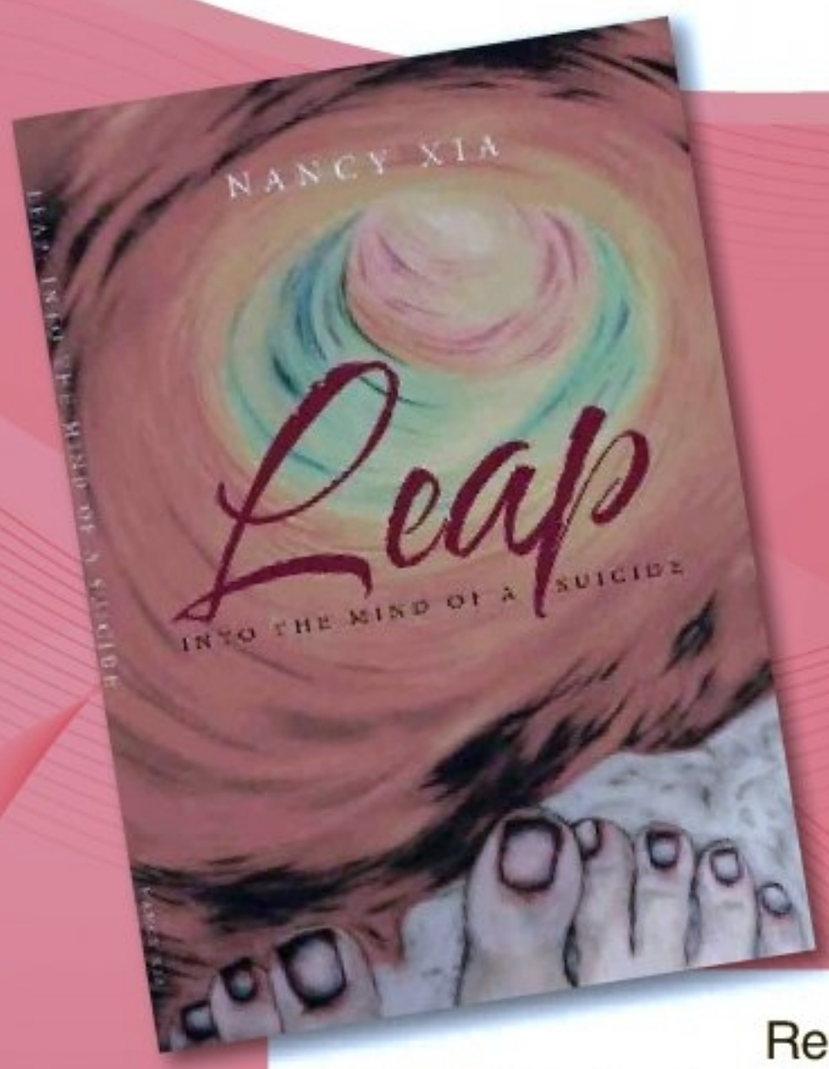
Many suicides left a mystery behind them in this world. Were they crazy? Were they evil? Or were they ill? I used to think they were simply stupid, until the day I became one of "them".

My name is Nancy Xia. At age 18, I made a desperate attempt to end my life by falling from the 8th floor balcony. Miraculously I survived, but sustained a spinal cord injury and will live with a physical disability for the rest of my life. By the time I was out of the rehab hospital, I was already 60 lbs. heavier. I could barely recognize myself in the mirror. With a wrecked body and soul, I had no hope and no aspiration to face what was ahead. As expected, the next four years were hellish. The mental and physical agonies seemed endless, but I forced myself to wait patiently for the day of my salvation…

I am now 31 years old, I am a happy and productive person. I love life and I love to live. I am incredibly grateful that I was not meant to die on that fateful day. I eventually graduated from University of Toronto with a specialist degree in Psychology. With my newly published memoir, I am hoping to start my career as a mental health advocate. Looking back, if I knew then what I know now about mental illness, my injury could have been prevented. Therefore, I feel profoundly compelled to share my story and my insights with you. I am here to give hope that mental illness is definitely treatable. It's also my hope to help suicide survivors find comfort and closure.

After reading this book you will receive answers to questions like:

- **What are the early signs of mental illness?**
- **Do people actually need a "big" reason to commit suicide?**
- **What should I do if my loved one is depressed and suicidal?**
- **Why is mental illness so hard to treat?**
- **What is the most effective treatment option?**
- **Is having a mental illness a curse and a blessing?**



Leap – Into the Mind of a Suicide

is available in both paperback and e-book format.

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Leo was a reluctant star in new doc

INTERVIEW

Climate change takedown forced DiCaprio to be himself

Dr. Enric Sala, National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence and Leonardo DiCaprio, right, in the Canadian Arctic near the North Pole, filming the new documentary Before The Flood. CONTRIBUTED/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada features prominently in Leonardo DiCaprio's new climate-change documentary Before The Flood and director Fisher Stevens said he was "really horrified" by scenes of the oilsands in north-eastern Alberta.

"It does employ a lot of people," said Stevens of the oil industry, during an interview at the Toronto International Film Festival, where Before the Flood had its world premiere. The documentary will be screened in 171 countries, in 45 languages, when it debuts on the National Geographic Channel on Sunday.

"Look, we all want work, we all need jobs — God knows. And it would be great if it was like: 'Now, we take all of these people and we replant all of that forest.' Wouldn't that be amazing?"

DiCaprio is a producer on the film, which sees the actor travel to several continents and the Arctic, meeting with political and religious leaders, scientists and activists.

The Oscar-winning actor has been a longtime advocate for environmental issues, and was designated a United Nations Messenger of Peace with a special focus on climate change in 2014. Still, Stevens said DiCaprio was initially hesitant to appear on-screen, despite his passion for the film and the cause.

"He called me and he said: 'Hey, man, the planet's getting worse and I want to make another climate-change movie, and I want you to do it with me"' recalled Stevens, an actor and filmmaker whose past environmentally focused projects include Mission Blue and Racing Extinction and working as a producer on the Oscar-winning documentary The Cove.

"He said: 'Yeah, I'm willing to be in this one.' And I think he regretted that for sure — at first. He wasn't used to having the cameras in his face like that, and he was quite uncomfortable at times, not having lines, not playing a character — just being Leo.

"He's a wonderful person," Stevens added. "(I said to him): 'You're the guy. If ever we can use a movie to move the needle, you're the guy.'"

The timing of the documentary's release is no coincidence. The duo was determined to have it completed in advance of the looming U.S. election.

"The Senate and the Congress, as you see in the film, is full of people on the payroll of the fossil fuel industry, and (who) are worried that they're going to lose their seats if they push the climate agenda," said Stevens.

"We're going to have some swing state screenings (and) get rid of these people if we can. It's really time. It's finally time that people wake up."

Stevens remained buoyed by positive trends that have emerged, pointing to renewable energy becoming more affordable, U.S. President Barack Obama speaking out on climate change, as well as Pope Francis's encyclical on the environment.

"We're not trying to preach to the converted. That wasn't our interest. We want to make a cool film, a film that people really drink in."

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Nova Scotia author taps into the witching power

FEMINIST WRITING

Physical melds with spiritual in historical fiction tale

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

Nova Scotia author Ami McKay has always been open to the occult and inexplicable magical occurrences, from her early days insisting on dressing as a witch every Halloween, through her black-lipsticked teenage goth years.

Beloved for her historical fiction since the arrival of her best-selling 2006 debut novel, The Birth House, McKay has found a way to incorporate her love of the unknown into the genre with her new book, The Witches of New York.

"It feels like a natural progression but I think some people will find, because there is so much magic in it, that it is a departure from straight-up historical fiction," McKay says. "But I found it really freeing to write about magic as if it's real."

The Witches of New York was originally born because McKay couldn't let go of Moth, the mind-reading protagonist from her last novel, The Virgin Cure. In this new story, set in 1880s New York City, Moth — who now goes by the name Adelaide — has opened a tea shop with Eleanor, a witch who administers all sorts of potions and herbal remedies to high-society ladies. When a young woman named Beatrice, with mystical powers of her own, begins working at the shop, both the spiritual and physical worlds are shaken up by her presence.

Like McKay's previous books, The Witches of New York is bound together by her deep research, feminist passion and love of the era. But something else

— magic again, perhaps — was at play here. While writing, McKay takes breaks for brain rest. Baking, gardening, beekeeping and World of Warcraft have been great distractions. But during The Witches of New York, she began doing genealogical research, and discovered that Nathaniel Hawthorne, author of The Scarlet Letter, was a very distant cousin. As McKay was reading his biography, she made an unsettling discovery: she is also related to one of the harshest judges who presided during the Salem witch trials, when 20 people were executed for practicing the "Devil's magic."

"It made me angry. Here I am writing about witches and misogyny and feminist power, and he's the one I'm related to," McKay says. "I wrote in my journal that day, 'I'm going to make this guy roll in his grave.'"

But the "most moving and emotional experience" for McKay was also learning that she had an aunt who was hanged for witchcraft in Salem, and four more who were accused, but not killed. "Perhaps these things are in our blood — we carry this genetic memory with us," she says.

There were moments too coincidental for McKay to ignore. Like the woman, who self-identified as a witch, whom McKay met on a plane on her way to Toronto for a book-publicity event.

"Once you open yourself up to it, you realize the whole world is magic," McKay says. "And if you don't believe, I feel really sorry for you."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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FALL SHOPPING
We asked three stylish Vancouverites to share their top splurges

LUCY YUN, @Beyunique

"Fall is here, which means I'm non-stop drinking salted caramel mochas and eating pumpkin pies. This Chloé Faye bag is totally in sync with my mood. It's perfect for my kind of fall!"

CHLOÉ BAG, $2,500, SSENSE.COM

CLAIRE LIU, @vonvogueblog

"Investing in a good pair of walking boots will help you get through the rain and snow this season."

ACNE STUDIOS BOOT, $740, NET-A-PORTER.COM

KIARA SCHWARTZ, @tobruckave

"Bomber jackets are my go-to this season. They're the perfect way to look cool—and keep cozy."

TOPSHOP JACKET, $190, THEBAY.COM

MODERN MOMENT

Now that weddings are an all-season affair, the challenge of finding a nice bridesmaid dress has significantly intensified. (May we raise the spectre of full-length satin sleeves? #sorry.) Happily, Vancouver label Park & Fifth (303-207 W. Hastings St.) is more than up to the task of designing bridesmaid ensembles lovely enough to be worn past the bouquet toss. "We speak to the modern bridesmaid," says designer Zoe Tisshaw. "Our focus is on simple prints, matte fabrics and clean lines." We're particularly obsessed with the Orpheum Dress (right). Right?!

The Orpheum Dress can actually be worn again. PHOTOGRAPHY BY BRITNEY GILL

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MEET THE CONDO

Evolution comes to Surrey

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Project overview

EVOLVE is a set selection of urban high-rise condominiums in the growing city of Surrey. The building reaches heights which are 35-storeys above Surrey City Centre, and the developer states it's destined to become a landmark residential building that stresses livability and sustainability within the West Village community.

Housing amenities

Rising above Surrey City Centre with incredible 360-degree views, EVOLVE features a penthouse amenity area including indoor and outdoor meeting places. Inside each home is a stylish interior with the ultimate functionality. Traditional spaces have been opened up to create areas with floor to ceiling windows and more.

Location and transit

Located next to Surrey City Centre SkyTrain station, EVOLVE is just a few minute walk from reaching Metro Vancouver's ever-expanding transportation hub. Aside from accessing nearby Metrotown or downtown Vancouver, residents will also enjoy quick access to Coquitlam and Port Moody once the Evergreen Line Expansion is complete.

In the neighbourhood

EVOLVE residents can step out each morning and grab a coffee from one of West Village's coffee shops or cafes. It's a quick walk to class at Simon Fraser University, or to the Surrey City Centre SkyTrain station. But residents don't need to leave the area to find their fun as Surrey City Centre also has its own Performing Arts Centre.

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What: EVOLVE
Developer: The WestStone Group
Designer: Chris Dikeakos Architects Inc.
Location: Surrey City Centre
Building: High-rise condominiums
Sizes: 316 square-feet to 1,297 square-feet
Model: Studio, one bed, two bed, and two-bed + den
Pricing: Starting at $211,900
Occupancy: Mid-2018
Sales centre: 13328 – 104 Ave, Surrey, BC
Phone: 604-497-0102
Website: evolvecondos.com/homes

PHILADELPHIA

Prince Albert II tours, inspects new digs: mother Grace Kelly's home

Prince Albert II of Monaco was in Philadelphia on Tuesday inspecting a house he recently purchased: the home where his mother, Oscar-winning actress Grace Kelly, grew up and accepted a marriage proposal from his father, Prince Rainier III.

Albert spent nearly an hour inside the home and walking around the property, which he bought for $754,000. He waved to the media and a handful of fans lined up on the sidewalk across the street from the home, but made no public statements.

His cousin, John B. Kelly III, attended the inspection with Prince Albert and said afterward the prince is still considering ideas about what to do with the 2.5-storey Colonial home.

Kelly said it's possible the home could house the U.S. office of the prince's charitable foundation, which focuses on environmental issues. He said they were also discussing ways the space could be used to showcase interests that Princess Grace held dear, like fashion, Irish literature, drama and athletics. But opening it as a full-time museum is unlikely, adding, "If it was successful, the neighbours wouldn't like us very much."

For now, they are focusing on getting the home back in good condition while discussing ideas for its use.

Kelly said they spent the time inside the house Tuesday reminiscing about parties and "hanging out in the garage."

The home was built in 1935 by Grace Kelly's father, John B. Kelly. He was a three-time Olympic gold medal-winning rower in the 1920s and later a prominent businessman active in Philadelphia politics.

Grace Kelly left Philadelphia at age 20 for Hollywood but remained adored by Philadelphians through the years. The city mourned after she died in 1982 from injuries she suffered in a car crash in France that involved her teenage daughter. She was 52.

Once asked about memories growing up in Philadelphia, Kelly recalled walking along the Wissahickon Creek in Fairmount Park, saying it was her "greatest treat."

Her childhood home last made headlines in 2014 when its 81-year-old former owner pleaded no contest to animal cruelty charges for keeping cats and dogs in unsanitary conditions. Officials with the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals seized 15 cats from the home and found the remains of several others. The owner had lived in the large brick house since 1973.

John Kelly said Prince Albert had wanted to purchase the home for a few years, but it hadn't been on the market until now.

"It's been his idea and he really wanted to do this to preserve his mother's house, so he's very happy right now," Kelly said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The prince, centre, visited his recent purchase Tuesday.
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Master-planned Lougheed Heights has been met with unprecedented enthusiasm, and its final and most exclusive tower completes this community with a grand statement of luxury living and 17,000 square feet of private amenities. The enviable West Coquitlam location puts 350 new shops and services, and the new Evergreen Line, all within walking distance.

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AT LOUGHEED HEIGHTS

Her craft room is her inspiration board

ORGANIZATION

Decluttering a creative space brews ideas as you clean up

For crafters, de-cluttering and rethinking a creative workspace might reap benefits beyond just finding the right paintbrush more quickly.

For some, it can spark creativity.

"It's different for everyone, but it's super-psychological," says professional organizer Fay Wolf of Los Angeles. De-cluttering "creates space for the things you love and makes them ready to use at a moment's notice."

"People think structure is bad, but I think rules are great. They give you this framework so you have control," she says.

A few years ago, Wolf set up her piano keyboard in a spare closet at home, and found she began using it more. And writing music. And singing. Songwriting "became the primary creative thing in my life, and all because I set up the keyboard. I gave it its own place," says Wolf.

Wolf shares tips for getting rid of stuff, including art supplies from long-ago craft projects, in New Order: A Decluttering Handbook for Creative Folks (And Everyone Else) (Ballantine Books, 2016).

She sets up a staging area with labeled sorting bins, and warns against letting perfectionism prevent progress.

"What plagues many of us is the 'waiting for the perfect moment,'" which leads to doing nothing, Wolf says in her book. "Ditch the excuses and start with any amount of time."

Wolf recommends using a timer, which many cellphones have. Set it for 20 minutes; you'll be amazed what you can accomplish in that small amount of focused time, she says.

"You have to be OK taking small steps and knowing that's the only way to do it," she says.

She added that it might take five such sessions before a crafting room starts to change.

Darcy Miller, editor at large for Martha Stewart Weddings, maintains an impeccably organized crafts room in her New York City home — until she doesn't. Everything has its place: Pens are organized by type in glass jars on her worktable, and drawers are filled with tiny containers holding everything from colour-coded paperclips to washi tape. But when she's in the midst of a project, the room gets disheveled.

"If you could see what it looks like right now." Miller said recently, shortly after hosting a daughter's crafting birthday party.

Miller is the author of the new Celebrate Everything (HarperCollins).

Cleanup is easier because of her organizational system, which puts frequently used items in clear, lidded boxes close at hand, and messy, bulkier supplies in grey, lidded boxes tucked onto shelves.

Miller recommends using a bulletin board to pin inspirational images and quotes, and to organize projects and unrelated ephemera, such as concert tickets or children's school fliers.

Her entire craft room is her inspiration board: She used wall-to-wall cork, sold in rolls, on all of the walls.

Eddie Ross, style director for the shopping site ATGStores.com, recommends a standup tool chest or a tackle box for storing small tools and supplies.

He covers his work surface with inexpensive craft paper — torn off a roll — to keep his table protected from glues and glitter, and he keeps a hand vacuum cleaner nearby for quick cleanup.

Darci Meyers, a Boulder, Colorado, psychotherapist, says that letting go of knick-knacks and art supplies can create space for "what's interesting and exciting in the present moment," Meyers said.

"The fewer things we have, the less responsibility we have toward them and the more freedom we have in our lives." If you can't toss the magazine stack or the dried-out markers, Meyers asks: Do they make you happy? If not, let them go.

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Editor Darcy Miller with her three daughters in their craft room, which is covered in wall-to-wall cork art. AP PHOTO

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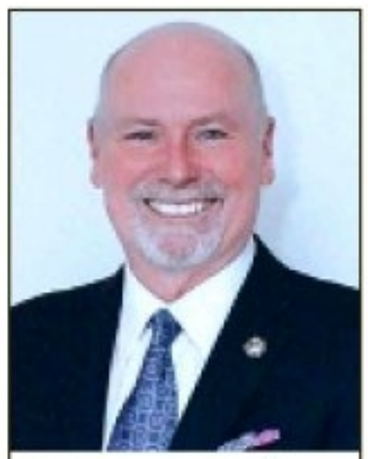

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Find beauty in the details

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In a home that's built to last, you'll find beauty in the details. That's what homebuyers will find at Cameron, a new development in North Burnaby by Ledingham McAllister, designed by award-winning architects Rositch Hemphill.

"Visit our presentation centre and you'll be wowed by the level of craftsmanship and attention to detail that we've put into the homes at Cameron," says Manuela Mirecki, senior vice president of marketing and design at Ledingham McAllister.

Those who enjoy working in a well-appointed kitchen will love the stainless-steel, energy-efficient appliances by KitchenAid. These include a dishwasher, refrigerator with bottom freezer, an electric, self-cleaning oven with glass-touch display and a 30-inch ceramic electric cooktop featuring even-heat technology.

Buyers can choose from a selection of two designer colour schemes. Pebble features all white, shaker-style cabinets, classic brushed nickel pulls and knobs.

The Stream colour scheme features earthier tones, pairing white shaker-style upper cabinets with flat-panel lower cabinets in a textured, warm-grey, wood-grain finish, all fitted with brushed-nickel hardware.

Both design schemes feature deep, stainless-steel sinks, polished quartz composite countertops and a matte white ceramic tile backsplash with accent glass tile behind the cooktop. The unexpected accent stone tile work over the stove lends beautiful detail to the simple, contemporary esthetic. Most kitchens also come with a convenient breakfast bar or generous island.

In short, this kitchen is your blank slate for culinary creativity.

The bathrooms are equally attractive, with a soaker tub where you can enjoy your new home in luxury.

You'll immediately notice the bright spaces in a home at Cameron, thanks to expansive windows and nine-foot ceilings. All homes include a spacious balcony, or patio for ground level homes — outdoor space that opens up each home even more.

The flooring is chic and practical. Homes at Cameron have engineered hardwood flooring by Kentwood in the entry, kitchen, dining and living room areas. Meanwhile, in the bedrooms you'll find cosy cut-pile carpeting by Beaulieu Canada.

Interested homebuyers are invited to drop into Cameron Presentation Centre, located at 150A-3355 North Rd. Burnaby, open daily from noon to 6 p.m., except Fridays.

LIVE IN LUSH BURNABY A QUICK WALK TO AMENITIES

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After more than 110 years of building experience, local company Ledingham McAllister knows how to pick a great neighbourhood.

"Your location is just as important as your home itself," says Manuela Mirecki of Ledingham McAllister. "We choose neighbourhoods for our developments that we think will offer our residents the lifestyles they're looking for."

Cameron is the developer's new collection of four-storey residences, city homes and townhomes in North Burnaby's Stoney Creek neighbourhood.

The builders chose the quiet, residential neighbourhood for its special mix of natural beauty and city-living convenience.

"We want our buyers to be able to live a balanced lifestyle," Mirecki says. "In the morning, they might need to go grocery shopping, or go to the gym, and in the afternoon they can take the dog for a walk in one of the nearby parks. It's the perfect mix."

The tranquil, creekside location of Cameron offers exceptional neighbourhood amenities. At Stoney Creek, residents will find a network of trails that runs from Burnaby Lake to Burnaby Mountain.

Lougheed Mall offers a diverse array of more than 125 shops, services and restaurants. You can get your fresh produce at Kin's Farm Market or Safeway, pick up fresh bread from Cobb's Bread, or shop for apparel. There's a plethora of options.

Residents at Cameron will also find access to public transit, schools and SFU all within a quick trip from home.

The new Evergreen Line SkyTrain is scheduled to open for service next spring, expanding transit options in the area and fast-tracking Tri-Cities travelers into Vancouver, New Westminster, Burnaby, Surrey and Richmond.

Apart from its neighbourhood location, a development needs to create public space for its residents that's comfortable, welcoming and attractive. Cameron offers indoor and outdoor amenity spaces for neighbours to meet each other and enjoy.

Not only are Cameron's shared spaces welcoming, they're also eminently useful. Residents are invited to use the gym facilities and yoga centre. You'll also love the expansive terraces, picnic area and natural play structure overlooking Stoney Creek and the mature surrounding forest.

Make one of the remaining homes yours

Just eight homes are left for purchase in the Cameron community, which is set to be move-in ready in 2017.

Buyers still have a chance to get into a rapidly developing community. By buying at Cameron, they're settling in a quiet community that's set back from the hustle and bustle of Lougheed Town Centre.

Homes start at $384,900, with a great selection of one-bedroom-plus-den and two-bedroom apartments and city homes still available.

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SkyTrain steps from home at an incredible price

Amidst Vancouver's hot real estate market, New Westminster still provides excellent value for your dollar, and home buyers are catching on.

"New Westminster is a historical city, vibrant and full of character with easy access to transit. And your dollar stretches further here," says Bethany Taylor, Sales Manager of The Brewery District. The Columbia, is the latest residential condo building in a new master-planned community of The Brewery District, built on the former site of the Labatt Brewery.

The Columbia is a case in point. The building, now previewing is slated for completion in 2019, and will be offering 242 homes in 26 storeys total, many with views of the Fraser River.

The reason for New Westminster's great value is, in large part, easy access to public transit, says Taylor.

"The Columbia is the Lower Mainland's best value for homes with close proximity to public transit," she says. "Residents just need to walk 200 metres and hop on the SkyTrain at Sapperton Station and they can be in downtown Vancouver in under 30 minutes."

Inside every home, residents will enjoy a comfortable haven designed with airy open spaces and fine finishings.

Those who love working in the kitchen will revel in the premium KitchenAid appliances and maximized storage spaces.

Club Central, The Brewery District resident's exclusive amenity building, is a 10,000-square-foot premium fitness centre. It includes a fully equipped gym, change rooms, a squash court, studio spaces, a sauna, steam room, and a private treatment room where you can have your masseuse or chiropractor come to you. The development is pet-friendly too, with a dog wash and off-leash area.

At The Brewery District, children and adults alike will have the chance to play. Garden plots will be available for all residents, and a children's play area is the perfect place for kids to blow off some steam.

When you're looking to entertain your friends, you can take them to the entertainment room for residents, which has its own kitchen.

Find out more at the Sales Centre, located at 285 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC. It's open daily noon to 5:00 p.m., 604-525-3941.

Extraordinary prices

One-bedroom homes at The Columbia start at $289,900, and two-bedroom homes start at $489,900.

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Everything you need right here

Three of the primary factors influencing where people buy homes in the Metro Vancouver region are affordability, accessibility and quality of life. Local housing developers are taking note.

Master-planned community The Brewery District, located near Sapperton SkyTrain Station, demonstrates the trend.

"The Brewery District community couldn't be safer, with the transit police headquarters located onsite, and Royal Columbian Hospital, one of the best facilities in the province, just across the street," says Bethany Taylor of The Brewery District.

"Walkability is a major part of the quality of life," says Taylor. As a mixed-use community, The Brewery District is also home to an array of easily accessible shopping, services and amenities.

"Unlike other home developments, The Brewery District established its retail tenants before its homes will be complete," Taylor explains. "And the results have paid off."

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Retailers onsite are already fully open and bustling, including Save-On-Foods, Browns Socialhouse, Shoppers Drug Mart, Starbucks, TD Canada Trust, Take Five Café, Freshii, a barber shop, a yoga and Pilates studio, Kids & Company daycare and more.

Columbia Street nearby is home to character shops including Fratelli Bakery and Cap's Bicycle Shop, just a short walk away.

The Brewery District is an established, walk-to-everything community. The Columbia contributes more than 12,000 square feet of outdoor space in a public plaza that already exists today. A public promenade connects it to the SkyTrain, making the walk from home to the SkyTrain a pleasant one.

Once the development is complete, The Brewery District will offer more than 35,000 square feet of outdoor space for residents and the public to enjoy.

Green space is easy to access beyond the immediate vicinity too. The Brewery District was purposely situated close to the trails of historic Sapperton Park and Hume Park.

Connected to everywhere

Real estate in Vancouver is especially valued when it's close to transit. But a few locations are still incredibly affordable. The Brewery District near Sapperton SkyTrain Station in New Westminster is one of them.

The development has been designed from the very beginning to be a walk-and-train-to-everything community, says Ben Taylor, Sales Director of The Brewery District.

"SkyTrain hubs are the place to buy a home in Vancouver," he says. "When you're living close to public transit, the entire Lower Mainland becomes your playground."

Sapperton SkyTrain Station is just 200 metres away from The Brewery District. Sapperton is one of the best transit locations for accessibility. It's on the Expo Line, and the Millennium and Evergreen Lines are just two transit stops away. Everywhere is within easy reach.

The train will take residents to Lougheed Mall in five minutes, Brentwood Mall in 15 minutes, Metrotown in 15 minutes, King George SkyTrain Station in 18 minutes and downtown Vancouver in 25 minutes.

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Affordable luxury

When you're living in a state-of-the-art new condo, looking out over the city and the breathtaking mountain and water views, you know you've made it.

Thankfully, you don't need to pay an arm and a leg to achieve these heights. At Evolve, an affordable luxury condominium development in Surrey's City Centre, you can get there for below $250,000.

"The homes we have remaining at Evolve are a hidden gem in Vancouver," says Agnes Cheung, marketing manager at Macdonald Realty Platinum Project Marketing, the marketing company behind Evolve. "You'll find some of Vancouver's best views for some of Vancouver's most affordable prices."

Rising 35 storeys above Surrey City Centre, Evolve will be nothing short of a landmark in the fast-developing city.

Luxury isn't just part of the homes themselves, it's incorporated into the amenities you'll experience throughout Evolve. The most spectacular is the SKY floor, crowning the top of the building.

The remarkable homes at EVOLVE combine stylish, simple interior design with the ultimate in functionality.

Design has transformed the shared spaces in the home so that, instead of being closed and dark like in many traditional apartments, they're open and radiant with light. The open, airy feel is augmented by floor-to-ceiling windows and 8.5-foot ceilings.

Experienced designers have provided the kitchens and bathrooms at EVOLVE with clever design touches that make these luxe spaces highly practical.

"These are features and finishings you would expect in higher priced condominiums," Cheung says. "The same kind of features won't break your budget at EVOLVE."

The homes exude style with quartz countertops, porcelain tile, engineered hardwood flooring, and polished chrome hardware.

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Live at the centre of it all

The location of EVOLVE isn't just convenient. It's an epicentre of commerce and creativity.

Living at EVOLVE, you'll feel the community buzzing around you. The development will be situated within the new West Village Community, a master-planned community by Weststone that was designed to offer excellent livability and sustainability. EVOLVE is one of six Surrey City Centre condominium towers to go up in the community.

One of the biggest aspects that promotes community living is EVOLVE's walkability. Once it's complete, West Village will be home to a diverse range of businesses hosted in the community's more than 100,000 square feet of office and retail space.

Residents can visit the green grocer for fresh ingredients, duck into the local cafes for a quick coffee or leisurely meet-up with a friend. And when they need any service, from health care to dry cleaning, there will be a great selection of service providers to choose from.

The West Village will have restaurants too — the perfect place to unwind and treat yourself after work.

You can also find lots to do if you venture beyond the neighbourhood. Walk the dog in the 45 hectares of surrounding parkland. Walk to the SkyTrain, Surrey's new Civic Plaza, Simon Fraser University's Surrey Campus, shops or the nearby restaurants. There are community events held year-round in the city centre's landmark public buildings, including the Central City Shopping Centre, the new civic centre and community plaza projects, the flagship library, new city hall and performing arts centre.

Convenient paths and parkland will connect homes in West Village to the core of Surrey City Centre.

And Surrey's City Centre and the West Village community won't stop there. They have a lot of room to grow.

More than 1,000 new residents move to Surrey each month thanks to its easy access to downtown Vancouver, shopping and services and its myriad of cultural and health and wellness facilities. It's a fast-growing area that shows no signs of slowing.

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New mortgage rules a concern

CHBA worries about impact, especially on first-time buyers

A recent federal measure to tighten mortgage lending and cool the red-hot Vancouver and Toronto housing markets could hurt potential new homebuyers, say builders.

"The new rules are very concerning, not only to the building industry, but to everyone who is involved in getting Albertans into new homes," says Guy Huntingford, Canadian Home Builders/Urban Development Institute Calgary Region CEO.

The changes include revamped "stress test" criteria to waive off potential risk of defaults if interest rates were to rise. The new rules, effective as of Oct. 17, apply to all new insured mortgages.

"The impact these rules will have on potential homebuyers, particularly first-time buyers, will dramatically reduce mortgage amounts available to them," says Huntingford.

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And that, in turn, affects affordability of housing — a prime concern for homebuilders across the nation.

Canadian Home Builders' Association nationally echoes the worry. "CHBA is very concerned about the impacts resultant reduced access to mortgages will have on potential first-time buyers," the group says on its website. "CHBA is also concerned about the impacts these rules will have on slower markets."

And there are still many questions, says Dan Hippe, sales manager of Calbridge Homes.

"The changes came fast and furious and everyone is still trying to figure things out, but the changes could impede people's choices to get into the market," Hippe says.

And for builders, it's another big change in a time of uncertainty and slower sales, says Huntingford.

"It is going to affect the type of product builders are producing, which is going to be another big adjustment for the industry that is already dealing with new building codes on the horizon, changes to the Municipal Government Act, City Charters and Regional growth management frameworks.

"The cumulative effect of these changes is huge pressure on affordability."

The national CHBA is assessing the full impacts of the announced measures and meeting with federal government sources to get clarification and additional details of the changes.

It is also collaborating with like-minded organizations (such as the Canadian Real Estate Association and Mortgage Professionals Canada) to address the issue and to preserve the dream of homeownership and affordability of housing.

Other measures introduced by the government included steps to address concerns related to foreign buyers who buy and flip Canadian homes.

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British Columbians who buy appliances this fall could get major savings through BC Hydro's Fall 2016 Appliance Rebate Offer.

The energy utility began the initiative on September 30 to encourage British Columbians to be smart about their energy use. Select ENERGY STAR clothes washers, dryers or refrigerators purchased between now and November 30, 2016 could qualify for up to $300 back.

"An important way you can save energy in the home is by making sure you have energy-efficient appliances," says Kari Montrichard, program manager of residential marketing at BC Hydro. "There are really good deals, especially if you're getting multiple rebates."

Since major appliances can last between 10 and 15 years, you'll also save significantly on your electricity bill over the lifetime of your appliances.

Qualifying ENERGY STAR clothes washers and refrigerators are 15 per cent more efficient than standard versions, while qualifying ENERGY STAR clothes dryers save an even bigger 20 per cent.

To make it easy for British Columbians to access the rebates, BC Hydro has partnered with companies including The Home Depot, Best Buy, Trail Appliances and Samsung.

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Though Georges St-Pierre has answered UFC middleweight champion Michael Bisping's challenge, a match has yet to be announced

WORLD SERIES

Arrieta stars as Chicago ties it up

GAME 2 In Cleveland

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Jake Arrieta made a teasing run at history, Kyle Schwarber drove in two runs and the Chicago Cubs brushed off a shutout to even the World Series with their first Fall Classic win in 71 years.

Chicago, who haven't won the World Series in 108 years, dominated in Cleveland winning 5-1 over the Indians in Game 2 on Wednesday night.

Arrieta carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning, briefly invoking Don Larsen's name, before the Indians touched him for two hits and a run.

However, the right-hander helped give Chicago just what it needed — a split at Progressive Field — before the Cubbies return to their Wrigley Field den for the next three games starting Friday night.

The Cubs hadn't won in the Series since beating Detroit 8-7 in 1945 to force Game 7.

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WhiteCaps reflect on disappointing season

MLS

Morales' fading form and lack of leadership blamed by team

The list of reasons for the Vancouver Whitecaps' dismal showing in 2016 is a long one.

An atrocious home record, discipline, lacklustre defending and scoring woes are among the culprits, but one word kept creeping up Wednesday as players and management met the media to pick over the carcass of a lost campaign — leadership.

"It's easy to find your leaders when things are going well. They take care of themselves," said Whitecaps head coach Carl Robinson. "It's hard to find them when your back's against the wall. That's where I find out about my players, and I found out a hell of a lot about my players this year."

Vancouver set all kinds of franchise records in 2015, finishing second in Major League Soccer's Western Conference with 53 points and hosting a playoff game for the first time, but when things started to spiral out of control this season, no one stepped up.

Vancouver was out of playoff contention by the beginning of October, finishing with a 10-15-9 record, and fingers were already being pointed by pockets of supporters at the club's captain and highest paid player long before the final whistle blew.

Caps' coach Carl Robinson says he found out a lot about his players during this poor season. GETTY IMAGES

It would be unfair to pin all the season's problems on Pedro Morales, but it's pretty clear there was something missing in 2016.

> **It's easy to find leaders when things are going well.**
> Carl Robinson

And while no one would come out at say it Wednesday, the Chilean designated player seemed like a man resigned to the fact that he won't be back.

"I don't know what's going to happen," said the 31-year-old midfielder, who thanked fans on three separate occasions during his availability. "I'm very happy to play here, but I don't know what happens in the future."

Morales, who makes in the neighbourhood of US$1.25 million annually, was named MLS newcomer of the year in 2014 following a 10-goal, 12-assist campaign for Vancouver, but he was slowed by injuries in 2015 before a frustrating third season in North America.

He wound up with a team-high nine goals, however six of those came from the penalty spot, and Morales too often looked like a passenger instead of an emotional leader.

The Whitecaps were 16-13-5 in 2015 thanks to a stingy defence that tied for the fewest goals conceded in MLS with just 36 in 34 games. By contrast in 2016, Vancouver had already surrendered that number by mid-July and wound up with the second-worst goals-against mark in the West at 52. The club managed to equal the 45 goals it scored last season with a 4-1 victory over Portland in the season finale, but finding the back of the net was a struggle most of the year.

Striker and designated player Octavio Rivero never really found his footing during his season-and-a-half in Vancouver and was sold to a Chilean club in the summer.

The Whitecaps didn't fill his spot with another DP, instead relying on Giles Barnes, who was acquired from Houston in a trade, Erik Hurtado, Masato Kudo and Blas Perez — with all four failing to impress.

There have been calls for Vancouver to finally open its pocketbook like some of the league's other teams, especially for a goal scorer, but that doesn't appear to be in the cards this off-season.

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IN BRIEF

DeRozan makes history as Toronto opens with a win

DeMar DeRozan picked up exactly where he left off last season. The Raptors all-star scored 21 of his 40 points in a spectacular third quarter to propel Toronto to a 109-91 victory over the Detroit Pistons in the team's season opener on Wednesday.

DeRozan broke Vince Carter's record for an opening-night performance (39 points) set in 2003.

Jonas Valanciunas added a career-high 32 points and 11 rebounds while Kyle Lowry finished with 10 points and eight assists. Tobias Harris had 22 to top the Pistons. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former CFL and NFL coach Rapp dies aged 80

Former CFL coach of the year Vic Rapp has died. He was 80. The Edmonton Eskimos and B.C. Lions both announced Rapp's death in releases on Wednesday.

Rapp began his CFL coaching career in Edmonton, where he coached five seasons from 1972 to 1976.

He went on to become the head coach of the Lions from 1977 to 1982, recording a 53-39-4 record.

Rapp also coached in the NFL from 1983 to 2000 with the Houston Oilers, LA Rams, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Detroit Lions, Chicago Bears and Arizona Cardinals. He was inducted onto the Lions' Wall of Fame in 2010.

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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Prep time: 1 hour 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 lb stewing beef
- 2 Tbsp flour
- Salt and pepper
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 onions, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb mushrooms, halved or quartered, depending on size
- 2 large carrots, diced
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1/3 cup tomato paste
- 1/2 cup white or red wine (optional)
- 4 cups beef broth

Directions

1. Shake flour onto a plate and season with salt and pepper. Dredge meat through the flour.

2. In a big pot or dutch oven, warm olive oil over medium heat. Working in batches, brown meat. Place cooked meat on a clean plate.

3. Add in onion and garlic and sauté about 3 minutes. Toss in mushrooms and thyme and cook for another 5 minutes. Add tomato paste and stir well. Cook for a couple of minutes.

4. Add the wine. Use a wooden spoon to scrape the bottom of the pot to loosen up all that caramelized beefy goodness. Add your stock and the beef, bring it to a simmer, cover and simmer for about an hour. Now add your carrots and cook about 10 minutes. Serve over mashed potatoes.

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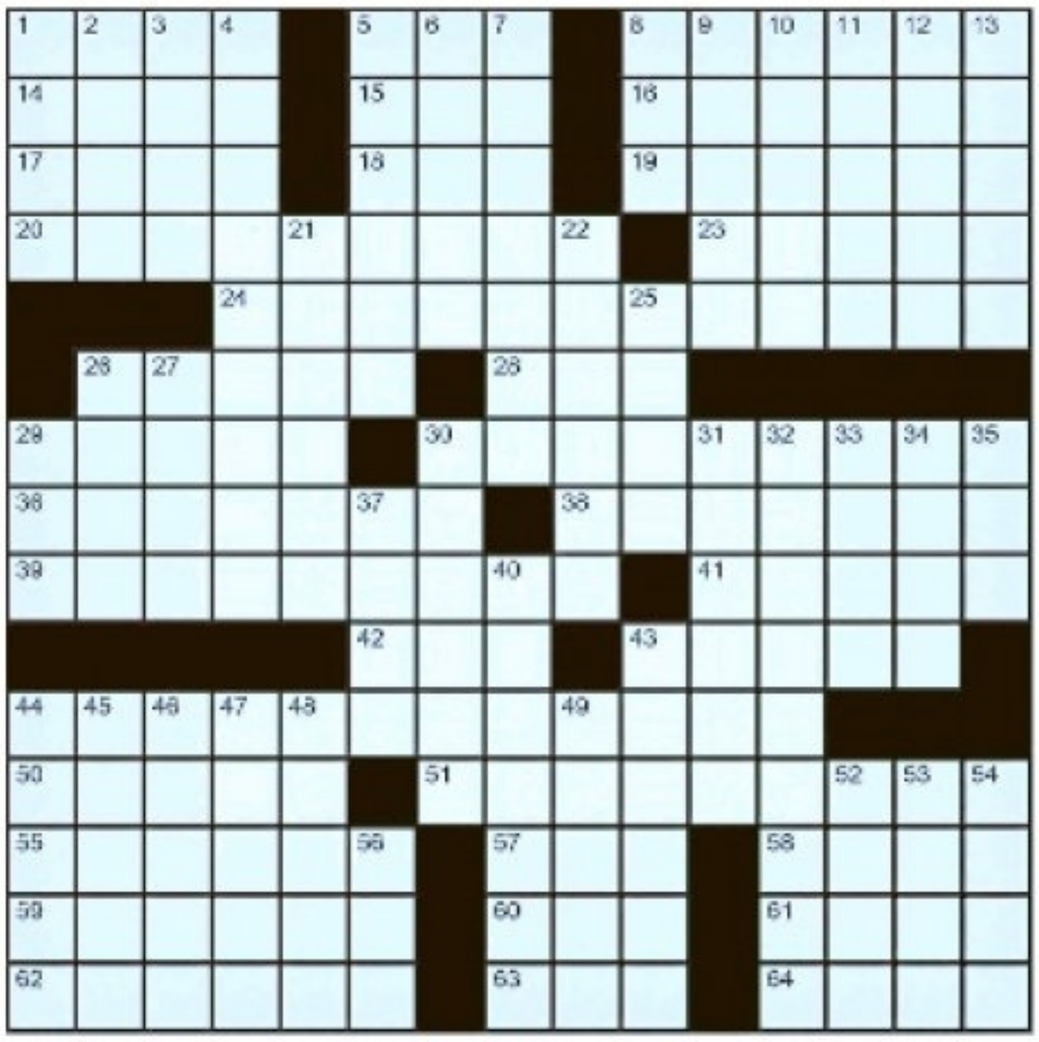

ACROSS
1. Retro pop music syllable
5. "_-Devil" (1989)
8. "'Cause _ like us, baby we were born to run." - Bruce Springsteen
14. At any point
15. "K-_" (2001) starring Kevin Spacey
16. Cafe _ _
17. Lake, in Lombardy
18. Gravestone engraving
19. NFL player in Denver
20. Freezes over
23. 19th-century composer Mr. Bruckner
24. 'Totem Poles, Gitsegukla' is a 1927 oil on canvas painting by what Montreal artist?: 2 wds.
26. Sniff
28. Enunciate
29. American opera singer, Frederica von _
30. Professional recommendations
36. Plunge
38. Arboreal acme
39. Capricorn and Taurus: 2 wds.
41. Videotaped web journals
42. Universal ideal
43. Brings up
44. Northwest Coast port city in British Columbia: 2 wds.
50. "Madagascar" (2005) creature
51. Kraft products for salads
55. Evangeline's home
57. Pres. Eisenhower
58. Egotistical
59. Henpecked
60. Bamm-Bamm, to Barney
61. First word of Massachusetts' motto
62. Drives too fast
63. _ up (Riled)
64. Fully satisfy

DOWN
1. Brussels is its cap.
2. Long circle
3. Big lottery in The States, _ Millions
4. One continuing ahead
5. Urban _
6. Port-au-Prince's country
7. _ account
8. Binder section indicator
9. RR = _ Route
10. Beside
11. Type of fish, with Ray
12. Decorative edging in embroidery
13. Mick or Keith or Ron
21. Those loafing about
22. Mining passages
25. _ and terminer
26. Financial acct. summary
27. 1970 Three Dog Night hit: "_ Told Me (Not to Come)"
29. Ashley, to Mary-Kate
30. Consider
31. Styles of lapels or cuffs in fashion
32. Members of the family
33. 'Origin' suffix
34. Fireplace ashes, before they became ashes
35. Initials-sharers of the Oscar-winning star of "Milk" (2008)
37. Venue
40. Supply with sustenance
43. Begrudge
44. Builder's drawings
45. Briefly summarize
46. Effigy
47. Prod
48. Wept
49. Variety of tea, Orange _
52. Singer Ms. Mouskouri
53. Central meaning
54. Olde dagger
56. Promos

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will be powerful today during discussions about taxes, debt, shared property and inheritances. Knowing this, choose to go after what you want!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might come on a bit too strong during discussions with partners and close friends. (Or perhaps they do?) Take a deep breath and step back. Easy does it.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will accomplish a lot at work today, because you are focused and enthusiastic. Furthermore, when talking to others, you make a strong impression!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You are in touch with your creative vibes today, which is why this is a great day for artistic work or creative projects. It's also a good day to teach children.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Tackle home repairs with enthusiasm today because you're full of bright ideas! Family discussions also will be vigorous and exciting.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a strong day for those of you who sell, market, teach, act or write, because you are in touch with what you want to say. You know how to express your ideas!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will be convincing in matters related to business, cash flow, finances and making money. You might even teach someone about business or financial matters today.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today it's easy to put a lot of yourself into whatever you say. This is why others will listen to you. You are genuinely enthusiastic!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your ability to research anything is tops today. You'll be like a dog with a bone. You won't give up until you find what you're looking for.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Conversations with friends and members of groups will be lively today. Quite likely, you will take charge because there is something you want to say to everyone.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You make a great impression on people in authority today, including bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs. They see that you believe what you say.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is an excellent day to study anything new. Some of you also will be excited about making future travel plans. Whatever you do, you will do it with enthusiasm!

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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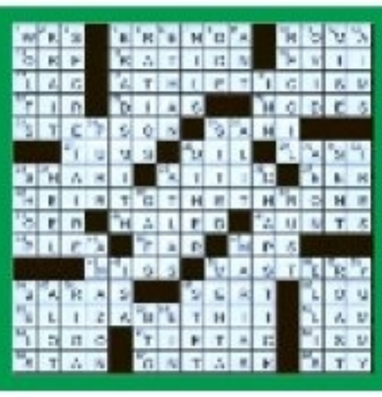

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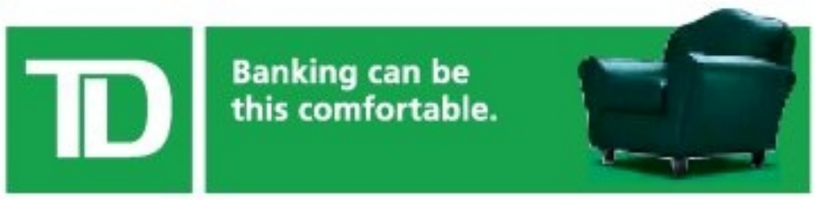

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